

## POSTLUDE

Joy to the World ..... Lowell Mason (1792 – 1872)

arrangement: *Julia Scott Carey* (b. 1986)

Yulia Yun, piano

*Please help to prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services  
by removing the hymnals from your pew  
and bringing them to the library carts at the Great Doors.  
Thank you!*

### Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages in the children's pew (on the right-hand aisle in the front of the sanctuary). If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

### Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's hungry and unhoused people.

Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter. *Thank you for your generosity!*



### Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Lucy Humphrey*  
Candles Chaplain, *Arthur Judge*  
Lead Greeter, *Tom Anderson*  
Lead Usher, *Jeff Hale*  
Worship Coordinator, *Darrell Waters*  
Assistant Treasurers, *Dawn Bellamo & Reese Millican*

Please silence your cell phone.

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

### OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

### CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

#### THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

*Deb Pontes (chair) / Philip Roberts (vice-chair)  
Joe Alen / Dan Brotman / Nikki DeRome  
Reese Millican / Alan Rodgers  
Julia Simon / Darrell Waters*

#### OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Liz Teixeira (treasurer) / Tom Anderson &  
Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)*

### SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

**FM amplification** headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

### TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows will resume in April 2020. For more information, please visit [www.asctiffany.org](http://www.asctiffany.org).

### ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

### PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

### Staff Directory

#### Parish Ministers

**Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie**, *Senior Minister*  
**Rev. Beth Robbins**, *Executive Minister*  
**Rev. George G. Whitehouse**, *Minister at Large*

#### Community Ministers

**Ali Jablonsky**  
*Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center*  
**Dr. Arthur Judge**  
*Hospital Chaplain, retired*  
**Rev. Erica Rose Long**  
*Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital*

**Rev. Joanna Lubkin**  
*Minister, All Souls Church, Braintree  
Chaplain, Wellesley College*

**Rev. Vera O'Brien**  
*Chaplain, HopeHealth  
Sandwich and Martha's Vineyard*

**Rev. Fred Small**  
*Minister for Climate Justice*

#### Music

**Mark David Buckles**, *Director of Music*  
**Yulia Yun**, *Collaborative Pianist*  
**Rodger Clinton Vine**, *Artist in Residence*

#### Choir Section Leaders

**Ann-Marie Iacoviello**, *Soprano*  
**Hana Omori**, *Alto*  
**Daniel Rosensweig**, *Tenor*  
**Tevan Goldberg**, *Bass*

#### Administration

**Jeffrey Bouchard**, *Congregational Administrator*  
**Adam Berman**, *Bookkeeper*  
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**ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH**  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2019  
LESSONS AND CAROLS!  
ADVENT IV ~ LOVE

### 8 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

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Arlington Street Church  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Founded in 1729

*Gathered in love and service for justice and peace*

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2019

*You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the end of greetings.*

## PRELUDE

The Christmas Song

*Robert Wells* (1922 - 1998) & *Mel Tormé* (1925 – 1999)

arrangement: *Jacob Koller*

A Child is Born ..... *Thad Jones* (1923 – 1986)

arrangement: *Oscar Peterson* (1925 – 2007)

Carol of the Bells ..... *Mykola Leontovych* (1877 – 1921)

arrangement: *George Winston* (b. 1949)

Yulia Yun, piano

## INTROIT

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

text: *Anonymous*, translation: *Theodore Baker* (1851 – 1934)

music: *Michael Praetorius* (1571 – 1621)

## WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING

How the Light Comes ..... *Jan Richardson*

Rev. Fred Small

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

## GREETINGS

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent IV ~ Love ..... Darrell Waters

### \*CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

### COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary ..... *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)

adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary

All made holy, loved and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you

### AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit

of this congregation,

And service is our gift.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

To speak our truths in love,

And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación

Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:

Convivir en paz,

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,

Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

## LESSON

Candles in the Window ..... Rev. Joanna Lubkin

## SONG

Not in My Town ..... Rev. Fred Small

## LESSON

Jólabókaflóð ..... Rev. Beth Robbins

### \*CAROL 241

In the Bleak Midwinter

## LESSON

The Truth About Santa Claus ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

### \*CAROL

Good King Wenceslas ..... text: *John Mason Neale* (1818 – 1868)

and *Thomas Helmore* (1811 – 1890)

music: *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

Good King Wenceslas looked out

On the feast of Stephen

When the snow lay round about

Deep and crisp and even

Brightly shone the moon that night

Though the frost was cruel

When a poor man came in sight

Gathering winter fuel

"Hither, page, and stand by me

If thou know'st it, telling

Yonder peasant, who is he?

Where and what his dwelling?"

"Sire, he lives a good league hence

Underneath the mountain

Right against the forest fence

By Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine

Bring me pine logs hither

Thou and I will see him dine

When we bear him thither."

Page and monarch forth they went

Forth they went together

Through the rude wind's wild lament

And the bitter weather

"Sire, the night is darker now

And the wind blows stronger

Fails my heart, I know not how,

I can go no longer."

"Mark my footsteps, my good page

Tread thou in them boldly

Thou shalt find the winter's rage

Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod

Where the snow lay dinted

Heat was in the very sod

Which the saint had printed

Therefore, Christian men, be sure

Wealth or rank possessing

Ye who now will bless the poor

Shall yourselves find blessing

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon ..... *Traditional English Carol* and

*Johann Pachelbel* (1652 – 1706)

arrangement: *Michael Clawson*

Emma Uppal, violin

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage

in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 years, the abundant

support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to

remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston.

Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger

community – half of the unpledged offering is shared with

a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to

(617) 300-0509

(all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the

QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

## OFFERTORY

When the Song of Angels is Stilled

text: *Howard Thurman* (1899 – 1981)

music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

When the song of the angels is stilled,

When the star in the sky is gone,

When the kings and the princes are home,

When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among people,

To make music in the heart.

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

### \*RECESSIONAL *(sung twice; please join in!)*

We Wish You a Merry Christmas ..... *Trad. 16th century English Carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*continued on back*

***\*You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.***