

**Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**PRELUDE**

Candlelight Carol ..... *John Rutter* (b. 1945)  
arrangement: *Justin K. Reeve*

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear ..... *Edmund Sears* (1810 – 1876)  
arrangement: *Eunjoo Seo*

Hyunju Jung, piano

**WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

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

**INTROIT**

Believe, from *Polar Express* ..... *Glen Ballard* (b. 1953) and *Alan Silvestri* (b. 1950)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano  
Hyunju Jung, piano

Children sleeping  
Snow is softly falling  
Dreams are calling  
Likes bells in the distance

We were dreamers  
Not so long ago  
But one by one  
We all had to grow up

When it seems the magic slipped away  
We find it all again on Christmas Day

Believe in what your heart is saying  
Hear the melody that's playing  
There's no time to waste  
There's so much to celebrate

Believe in what you feel inside  
And give your dreams the wings to fly  
You have everything you need  
If you just believe

Trains move quickly  
To their journey's end  
Destinations  
Are where we begin again

Ships go sailing  
Far across the sea  
Trusting starlight  
To get where they need to be

When it seems that we have lost our way  
We find ourselves again on Christmas Day

Believe in what your heart is saying  
Hear the melody that's playing  
There's no time to waste  
There's so much to celebrate

Believe in what you feel inside  
And give your dreams the wings to fly  
You have everything you need  
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**GREETINGS** ..... Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

**KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ CHRISTMAS**

**KINDLING OF THE CHANUKIAH** ..... *Traditional Hebrew Text*  
translation: *Rev. Joanna Lubkin*

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,  
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu  
l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.  
Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,  
sheh-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Source of All,  
who brings moments of holiness to our lives  
through the ritual of lighting the Chanukah lights.  
Blessed are You, Source of All,  
who brings our attention to miracles  
from ages past to this very moment.

**\*HYMN 223**

Ma'oz Tzur ..... music: *German Synagogue Melody*  
("Rock of Ages") text: *Leopold Stein (1810 – 1882)*  
translation: *Marcus Jastrow (1829 – 1903) &*  
*Gustav Gottheil (1827 – 1903), alt.*

Maoz tzur y'shuati l'cha naeh l'shabeach  
Tikon beit t'filati v'sham todah n'zabeach  
L'eit takhin matbeach mitzar hamnabeach  
Az egmor b'shir mizmor chanukat hamizbeach

Rock of Ages, let our song praise your saving power  
You amidst the raging foes were our sheltering tower  
Raging they assailed us, but your arm availed us  
And your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us

Kindling new the holy lamps, priests, unbowed by suffering  
Purified the nation's shrine, brought to G\*d their offering  
And in lands surrounding hear the joy abounding  
Happy throngs singing songs with a mighty sounding

Children of the prophet's word whether free or fettered  
Wake the echoes of the songs where you may be scattered  
Yours the message cheering that the time is nearing  
Which shall see nations free, tyrants disappearing

### **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

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it  
in advance [here](#). During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

### **AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT**

Love is the spirit	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

### **\*CAROL 237**

The First Noel ..... *Traditional English Carol*

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds, in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the king of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the king of Israel!

And by the light of that same star  
Three magi came from country far  
To seek a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the king of Israel!

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL** ..... *Charles Dickens* (1812 – 1870), abridged

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

**I. Stave One: Marley's Ghost**

**\*Carol 246**

O Little Town of Bethlehem ..... music: *Lewis Redner* (1831 – 1908)  
text: *Phillips Brooks* (1835 – 1893)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth.  
Let praises ring: from G\*d they bring goodwill to all on earth.

How silently, how silently the wonder is made known,  
When G\*d imparts to human hearts the gift that is our own.  
No ear may hear that coming, but in this worldly din,  
When souls are truly humble, then the dear babe rests within.

**II. Staves Two, Three, Four: The Three Spirits**

**\*Carol 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High ..... text: *James Chadwick* (1813 – 1882)  
tune: *French Carol* (1855)  
arrangement: *Edward Shippen Barnes* (1887 – 1958)

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid  
Whom the angels praise above  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid  
While we raise our hearts in love

Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

### III. Stave Five: The End of It

#### \*Carol 240

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

text: *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow* (1807 – 1882)

music: *John Baptiste Calkin* (1827 – 1905)

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, to all goodwill

I thought how, as the day had come  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along th'unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, to all goodwill

And in despair I bowed my head  
“There is no peace on earth,” I said  
“For hate is strong and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, to all goodwill.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
“G\*d is not dead, nor doth G\*d sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
With peace on earth, to all goodwill.”

Till, ringing, singing on its way  
The world revolved from day to day  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime  
Of peace on earth, to all goodwill.

### IV. Keeping Christmas

#### \*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain ..... *Traditional African American Spiritual*

#### *Chorus*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

#### *Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the baby's birth.

*Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger the humble babe was born,  
And G\*d sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. At the top of the pandemic, we shut down the sanctuary and committed to continue to pay our staff ... with no idea when we might reopen. Without missing a beat, our Tech Team pivoted to a virtual format — and so did we all. As the virus raged, we nourished a dream of the day when we might once again reopen the Great Doors and made wildly expensive upgrades to our sound system, purchased technology to support a hybrid service format, and readily agreed to make it available to the community partners who share our mission and this beautiful space. And all the while, Arlington Street members and friends have given with open, grateful hands.

Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street’s pandemic story — a story of devotion, innovation, and transformational generosity. To make your gift,



please scan the QR code; visit [www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC); or text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509. If you’re ready to give regularly, Liz Teixeira ([treasurer@ascboston.org](mailto:treasurer@ascboston.org)) would be delighted to assist you with setting up automatic payments. We are so grateful! *Thank you!*

**DECEMBER’S SHARE THE PLATE: EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY**

Everytown For Gun Safety ([Everytown.org](http://Everytown.org)) is the largest gun violence prevention organization in the United States. A coalition comprising Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and survivors of gun violence, Everytown advocates for increased penalties for gun trafficking, education on responsible gun ownership, and closing legislative loopholes that allow gun sales without background checks. In addition, they lobby for gun control legislation on state and federal levels and provide support services to survivors of gun violence.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [www.tinyurl.com/-GiveASC](http://www.tinyurl.com/-GiveASC); or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**OFFERTORY**

Fantasia on Greensleeves ..... *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872 – 1958)  
Hyunju Jung, piano

**PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

**\*CAROL**

Joy to the World! ..... text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 – 1748)  
tune: *G.F. Handel* (1685 – 1759)  
music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 – 1872)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;

Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!  
Let hearts their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, and wonders of his love.

### **BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste

*I bow to the Divine in You.*

### **RECESSIONAL**

We Wish You a Merry Christmas ..... *Traditional 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 wherever you are.  
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### **POSTLUDE**

Sleigh Ride ..... *Leroy Anderson (1908 – 1975)*

Hyunju Jung, piano

*\* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,  
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G\*d's name*



#### **Flowers on the High Pulpit**

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love. You can have flowers delivered, bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space), or a member of the staff will purchase them (~\$50). Please email our congregational administrator, Jess ([JAcosta@ASCBoston.org](mailto:JAcosta@ASCBoston.org)), to claim your date! *Thank you!*