

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

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

## PRELUDE

Presto from *Organ concerto No. 5 ... George Frideric Handel* (1685-1759)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

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

## \*HYMN 347

Gather the Spirit

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction ..... text: *Barbara Pescan*

music: *Bart Bradfield*

Go in joy,— go in peace to meet the day! With  
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,  
we will love you on your way.

*At this time, all children are welcome to join  
the Children's Religious Education program!*

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org), by clicking on "Worship."

Some of us pray with words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to one another.

### Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

*Spirit of Life, come unto me.*

*Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.*

*Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;*

*Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.*

*Roots hold me close; wings set me free;*

*Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

*Fuente de amor, ven hacia mí.*

*Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.*

*Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;*

*Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida*

*Arráigame, libérame,*

*Fuente de amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.*

## 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.
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### \*HYMN 331

Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

### CANTICLE

Bist du bei mir ..... text: *Unknown, published 1725*  
music: *Gottfried Stölzel (1690-1749)*  
attributed to *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor; Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Bist du bei mir, geh' ich mit Freuden zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh'. Ach, wie vergnügt wär' so mein Ende, es drückten deine lieben schönen Hände mir die getreuen Augen zu!	If you are with me, I will gladly go to my death and to my rest. Ah, how pleasant would my end be if your dear, fair hands shut my faithful eyes!
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**SERMON** ..... Rev. Vera O'Brien, Affiliated Community Minister  
A Year to Live

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

### CANTICLE

Sure on this shining night ..... text: *James Agee (1909-1955)*  
music: *Samuel Barber (1910-1981)*

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor; Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Sure on this shining night  
Of starmade shadows round,  
Kindness must watch for me  
This side the ground.

The late year lies down the north.  
All is healed, all is health.  
High summer holds the earth.

Hearts all whole.  
Sure on this shining night I weep for  
wonder wand'ring far

alone  
Of shadows on the stars.

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Over 300 pledging members and friends also support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!"

## OFFERTORY

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 ..... *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)

(The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 6

Just As Long As I Have Breath

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

When You Walk From Here ..... text: *Linnea Good*

music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *Buckles*

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,  
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

## POSTLUDE

Northern Lights ..... *Sergei Banevich* (b. 1941)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

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## Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

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Today, CRE will be meeting in grade based groups.

Kindergarten-2nd graders and Allie are discussing their New Year's resolutions.

2nd-8th graders and Sarah C. are discussing highs and lows of 2014 and hopes for 2015.

Our CRE staff, Laura Evonne and Erica, are both away today.

If you are interested in learning more about our religious education program, please email [CRE@ASCBoston.org](mailto:CRE@ASCBoston.org).

Rev. Kim, Mark David Buckles, and the choir are away today.

Rev. Kim will be back in the pulpit next Sunday morning.

Today, we thank Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan and  
David Rosensweig for their beautiful music!