Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2011

 $ADVENT 2 \sim PEACE$

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

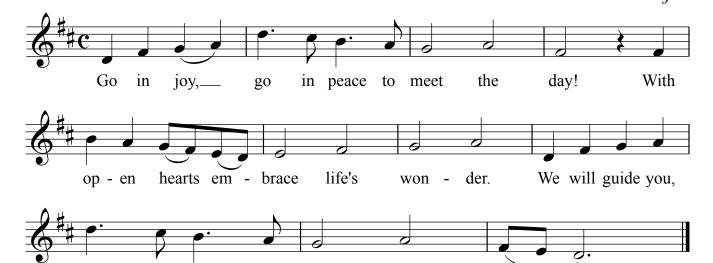
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The World We Seek Elizabeth McMaster, adapted

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield



During the Children's Blessing, all children are always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!

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PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

you

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NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY

will love

Responsive Reading 468, "We Need One Another"

*HYMN 126

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Mark David Buckles

Verse 1 & 2: Congregation

Verse 3: Soloists

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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, by clicking on "Worship."

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: Nick Page (b. 1952) text: African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone



AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Y el servicio es nuestro reg

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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,
And to help one another.

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 1015

I Know I Can

SERMON

Waiting Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

All Hayle to the Days ... text: Thomas D'Urfey (1653-1723), & others

music: Traditional English Carol, arr. Elizabeth Norton (b. 1959)

All hayle to the days

Thus none will allow
That merite more praise

Of solitude now,

Then all the rest of the year; But merrily greets the time,

And welcome the nights, To make it appeare
That double delights Of all the whole yeare

As well for the far as the near: That this is accounted the Prime,

Good fortune attend December is seene
Each merry man's friend Apparel'd in greene

That doth but the best that he may, and January, fresh as May, Comes dancing along

Forgetting old wrongs With a cup or a Song With Carrols and Songs To drive the cold winter away.

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This time of the yeare When Christmas tide Is spent in good cheare, Comes in like a Bride, Kind neighbours together to meet With Holly and Ivy clad, To sit by the fire, Twelve dayes in the yeare With friendly desire Much mirth and good cheare In every household is had: Each other in love to greet: Old grudges forgot The Countrey guise Are put in a pot, Is then to devise All sorrows aside they lay; Some gambols of Christmas play; Whereas the yong men do The old and the young Best that they can to Doth carrol this Song, To drive the cold winter away. Drive the cold winter away.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

*HYMN 226

People, Look East

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join us!)

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

Minuet in D, Hob. IX No. 7 Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY - December 4th, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Thanks to everyone who attended the CRE committee meeting this morning and for Queen Cheryl's Dunkin Donuts donations! Also, a HUGE thanks to Erin for helping to clean and organize the kids toys in the CRE space!

Today, we'll create holiday cards and make warm scarves to hang on the Mitten Tree next Sunday for our Friday Night Supper Program guests! We will also talk about "Guests at our Table Boxes" and what it means to SHARE our GIFTS.

This afternoon at 12:30, Coming of age (CoA) meets with Liz in the Clarke room to create inspiration boxes. **Next Sunday**, CoA will meet at 10AM in the sanctuary to prep the Mitten Tree!