

# Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Whether you are a longtime member, a regular guest, or a first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you to this morning's service. The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys.

Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth. Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts.

Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

Today, we honor the memory of **DAVID C. MACCAMMACK, JR.**, a beloved Arlington Street Church member who died with AIDS, 13 years ago.

Arlington Street Church member Roger Hooper writes, "During the 10 months before his death, David and I became friends. We spent untold hours talking to each other. I will be always be grateful that I had the opportunity to know David. While I helped him along the bumpy road toward his death, he helped me in ways that I cannot begin to enumerate.

I wish for all of you the experience of finding such a friend.

In honor of the conversation I had with David that lasted ten months, which has continued in many ways since his death, here are a few lines from William Carlos Williams' poem, Paterson: Book One.

We sit and talk  
quietly, with long lapses of silence  
and I am aware of the stream  
that has no language,  
coursing beneath  
the quiet heaven of your eyes.

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We sit and talk, sensing a little  
the rushing impact of the giants'  
violent torrent rolling over us,  
a few moments.

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And the air lying over the water  
lifts the ripples,  
brother to brother,  
touching as the mind touches,  
counter-current,  
upstream brings in the fields,  
hot and cold parallel but never  
mingling, one that whirls  
backward in the brink  
and curls invisibly upward,  
fills the hollow, whirling  
an accompaniment - but apart,  
observant of the distress,  
sweeps down or up  
clearing the spray -

Brings in the rumors of separate  
worlds...

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**David, ¡presente!**



ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2008

Lessons and Carols: A Celebration of  
Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Solstice, and Christmas  
Happy Solstice!

We are member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association. We covenant to affirm and promote: • The inherent worth and dignity of every person; • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; • Acceptance of ourselves and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations; • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning; • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society; • A commitment to peace, liberty, and justice for all; • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part; • The living tradition of our community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part; • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirming beauty, grace, and the power of the spirit and an openness to the future which create and uphold life; • Words and deeds of prophetic witness which challenge us to confront powers and structures of oppression, poverty, and other forces which threaten the forming power of love; • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; • Jewish teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves; • Humanist teachings which counsel us to share the best of our minds, hearts, and hands; • The sciences of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit; • Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

The living tradition  
we share draws from  
many sources including  
wisdom from the  
world's religions which  
inspire us in our  
ethical and spiritual life.

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Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Please drop it into the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. 12/21/2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Name(s) & Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
- I/we have been attending ASC for \_\_\_\_\_
- I/we would like a permanent nametag(s) for Sunday worship. (Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:  
 Mail     Phone     E-mail     No preference

- I would like to know more about:
- Membership Classes/Joining ASC     Choir/Music
  - Children's Religious Education     Social Action
  - Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Boston, Massachusetts  
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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Happy Solstice!

## PRELUDE

Star Carol *John Rutter* (b. 1945)  
Children Go Where I Send Thee Traditional Spiritual  
Joe Della Penna, piano

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy to the World text: *Isaac Watts*  
music: *G. F. Handel* (1685 – 1757),  
arr. *Lowell Mason* (1792 – 1872)

## WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

Kindling of the Kinara

## CANTICLE

Who Would Imagine A King *Hilton-Hill*  
Erick DuPree, soloist with additional text by *E. DuPree*

## CHALICE LIGHTING

Our flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

\***CAROL** (see insert) *Johnny Marks*  
Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
After the carol, the children are invited to go to their classes with Erick Dupree. All children are welcome.

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles 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, and clicking on “Worship.”

We Pray text: Spiritual “Balm in Gilead” and *Nick Page*  
music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

Ariana Valdes, soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

**AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT** (see insert)

## ANTHEM

 (see insert for text)

Carol of the Bells *Mykola D. Leonatovych* (1877 – 1921)  
arr. *Peter J. Wilhousky* (1902 – 1978)

## LESSON: SOLSTICE

excerpts from *Imagine the Angels of Bread* Susan Thomas  
*Martin Espada*

## KINDLING OF THE SOLSTICE CANDLE

### \*CAROL 235

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

## LESSON: CHRISTMAS

The Gift of Baby Jesus Dan Kane

## KINDLING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### CAROL 233

Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella  
Verse 1 - soloist  
Verses 2 and 3 - Congregation  
Ariana Valdes, alto

## LESSON: A WINTER CELEBRATION

A Legacy of Song Mark David Buckles

## KINDLING OF THE WINTER CANDLE

### \*SONG

 (see insert)

Jingle Bells *James Lord Pierpont*

## LESSON: CHANUKAH

The Broken Menorah Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## KINDLING THE MENORAH

### \*HYMN 223

Rock of Ages, Let Our Song trad. arr. *Mark David Buckles*  
Introduction - Choir  
Verse 1 - Congregation  
Verse 2 - Soloist  
Verse 3 - Congregation  
J. Jacob Krause, baritone

## 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

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow African-American  
Christmas Spiritual  
Rodger Vine, piano Arr. *Mark Leslie Hayes*

### \*HYMN 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

from *Christmas Oratorio*, in *For The Time Being* *W. H. Auden*

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

We Wish You a Merry Christmas trad. 16<sup>th</sup> cent. English Carol

We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)  
and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas (Carol Medley) arr. *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)  
Rodger Vine, organ

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

Today’s service is a holiday gift of love  
from members of the Arlington Street Church staff.

Our new Advent Wreath is a gift  
from Corey Spence, our administrative assistant,  
who is a member of  
the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Episcopal,  
Bowdoin Street. Boston.  
Thank you, Corey!

Polly Latham and Micky Randazza gave the beautiful poinsettias,  
and Martin Anderson brought the wreaths for the Great Doors  
and arranged the greenery in the flower boxes on the front steps.  
Thank you Polly, Mickey, and Martin!

### ...and Service is Our Gift

Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer, Assistant Treasurers  
Lois Hartsough, Lead Worship Coordinator  
Art Nava, Lead Greeter  
John Markham O’Connor, Candles Coordinator  
Ellen Spencer, Lead Usher