

**Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

ADVENT III. JOY

**PRELUDE**

Gift..... *Minseok Kim* (b. 1991)

In My Arms ..... *Jaeha Yoo* (1962-1987)

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**

Seek Not Afar for Beauty..... text: *Minot Judson Savage* (1841-1918)

tune: *Cyril V. Taylor* (1907-1991)

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

Seek not afar for beauty

Lo, it glows in dew-wet grasses all about thy feet

In birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet

In stars and mountain summits topped with snows

Go not abroad for happiness

Behold it is a flower blooming at your door

Bring love and laughter home

And evermore joy shall be yours as changing years unfold

In wonder-workings or some bush aflame

We look for truth and fancy it concealed

But in earth's common things, Love stands revealed

While grass and flowers and stars spell out G\*d's name

**GREETINGS** ..... Patrick Cooleybeck, Worship Coordinator

**KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT III. JOY**

**\*HYMN 226**

People, Look East ..... music: *Traditional French Carol*

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

text: *Eleanor Fargeon* (1881-1965)

People, look east, the time is near

Of the crowning of the year

Make your house fair as you are able  
Trim the hearth and set the table  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way!

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare  
One more seed is planted there  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish  
That in course and flower may flourish  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way!

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim  
Shining beyond the frosty weather  
Bright as sun and moon together  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way!

### **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  
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.

### **\*HYMN 225**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ..... text: *Latin 12th Century*  
translation: *John Neale (1818-1866)*, adapted  
music: *Chant c. 15th Century*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Julie Metcalf, violin

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And with your captive children dwell  
Give comfort to all exiles here  
And to the aching heart bid cheer

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come within as Love to dwell

O come, you Splendor very bright  
As joy that never yields to might  
O come, and turn all hearts to peace  
That greed and war at last shall cease  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come within as Truth to dwell

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by your presence here  
And dawn in every broken soul  
As vision that can see the whole  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come within as Light to dwell

O come, you Wisdom from on high  
From depths that hide within a sigh  
To temper knowledge with our care  
To render every act a prayer  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come within as Hope to dwell

### **SERMON**

The Light's Bounty on Familiar Things ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

### **SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

### **ANTHEM**

Behold a Star from Jacob Shining .....text: *Numbers 24:17*  
adaptation: *Rev. Henry Wilder Foote* (1838-1889)  
music: *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809-1847)  
arrangement: *Archibald T. Davison* (1883-1961)

Behold a star from Jacob shining,  
And a scepter from Israel rising,  
To reign in glory over the nations.

Like some bright morning star is he,  
The promise of the coming day,  
Beyond the night of sorrow.  
Break forth, O light!  
We, our joyful hearts uplifting  
With thanksgiving,  
Hail the brightness of thy rising.

### **A Note on Today's Anthem**

Today's Advent anthem comes from *Christus*, an unfinished oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, who adapted the words, was a Unitarian and the Minister of King's Chapel in Boston from 1861 until his death in 1889. The score was edited and arranged by Archibald T. Davison, who was the first conductor of the Harvard Glee Club.

## 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 SHARE THE PLATE: EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY

Everytown For Gun Safety (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

What a Wonderful World ..... *Bob Thiele (1922-1996)*  
and *George David Weiss (1921-2010)*

Joe Della Penna, Jazz Artist in Residence

I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom, for me and you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue and clouds of white  
The bright blessed days, the dark sacred nights  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow  
So pretty in the sky

Are also on the faces  
Of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do  
They're really saying, I love you

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more  
Than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world  
Yes, I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

### **\*HYMN**

Simple Faith ..... *David Tamulevich and Michael Hough*  
from *Mustard's Retreat*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals  
Julie Metcalf, violin

#### **Chorus**

Ours is a simple faith  
Life is a short embrace  
Heaven is in this place  
Every day  
Hope is the ground we till  
Make each day what you will  
Thankful for dreams fulfilled  
Every day

No room in this heart for fear  
No judgment day drawing near  
Trust that inner voice you hear  
Every day  
Life's not a goal or race  
It's about heart and faith  
And living a life of grace  
Every day

#### **Chorus**

Ours is a simple faith  
Life is a short embrace  
Heaven is in this place  
Every day  
Hope is the ground we till  
Make each day what you will  
Thankful for dreams fulfilled  
Every day

Trust is an open hand  
Making an honest stand  
Rooted here in the land  
Every day

Living the mystery  
Seeking the harmony  
Here between you and me  
Every day

**Chorus**

Ours is a simple faith  
Life is a short embrace  
Heaven is in this place  
Every day  
Hope is the ground we till  
Make each day what you will  
Thankful for dreams fulfilled  
Every day  
Every day  
Every day

**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**

Where You Go (I Will Go) ..... *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved  
Where you go I will go  
Where you go I will go, beloved  
Where you go I will go  
For your people are my people  
Your people are mine  
Your people are my people  
Your divine, my divine

**POSTLUDE**

Improvisation

Andrew Stack, 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!*