

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2014

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

PRELUDE

Pastorale, from *Christmas Concerto Op. 68*

Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

arr. *Robert Gower*

INTROIT

The Sixth Principle *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Matt Meyer, percussion

We believe in world community with peace, liberty, and justice.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 3

Joy *Aja & Jade Jackson*

*HYMN 225

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

STORY IN THE SANCTUARY

Warmth from the Inside Out

Laura Evonne Steinman, CRE and Carol Fisher

*DRESSING THE TREE!

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree *Johnny Marks (1909-1985)*

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

All are welcome to bring their gifts to the Mitten Tree!

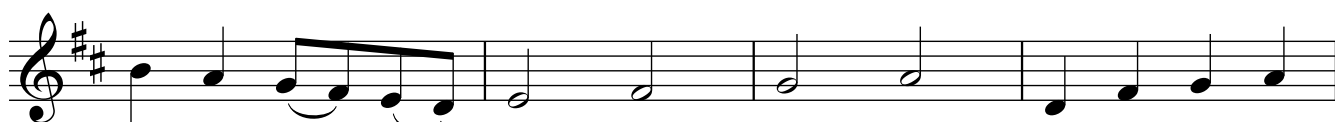
CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*

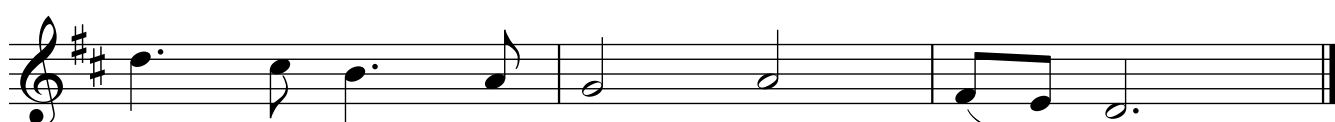
music: *Bart Bradfield*



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 welcomed to
Children's Religious Education!*

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 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. 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*

Julie Gregorio, soprano; Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

The image shows musical notation for the song 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Drone' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Melody'. Both staves are in 3/4 time and have a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The Drone staff contains a series of quarter notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The Melody staff contains a series of notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The lyrics 'We pray' are written below the Drone staff, and 'We' is written below the Melody staff.

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.

*HYMN 241

In The Bleak Midwinter arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

SERMON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

On Not Giving What We Want To Receive

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Betelehemu (Bethlehem) *Nigerian Christmas Carol*

Babatunde Olatunji (1927-2003) and *Wendell Whalum* (1931-1987)

Matt Meyer, percussion

arr. *Barrington Brooks*

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

Improvisation

Matt Meyer, percussion

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 231

Angels We Have Heard on High arr. *Mark David Buckles*
Joanna Lubkin, vocals
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (*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

Sleigh Ride *Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)*
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Following this morning's service, Rev. Kim looks forward to greeting you at the great doors. Mark David Buckles invites those interested to join him in listening to the postlude.

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

It's Mitten Tree Sunday! Today is the day that we decorate our tree with mittens, scarves, hats, and socks for our friends who come to Arlington Street Church for the Friday Night Supper Program.

After the tree has been decorated, children and youth will meet in their age-based groups to share their sorrow and joys, and to share special holiday time together.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email cre@ascboston.org.