

Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the  
world is about to turn.

**Chorus**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

**Chorus**

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

**Chorus**

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

There is No Rose of Such Virtue

text: Anon. 15th century Middle English

from *A Ceremony of Carols*

music: Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976)

There is no rose of such vertu  
As is the rose that bare Jesu.  
Alleluia,

The aungels sungen  
the shepherds to:

Gloria in excelsis Deo,

For in this rose containèd was  
Heaven and earth in litel space,  
Res miranda. [Thing of wonder]

[Glory to God in the highest]

Gaudeamus. [Let us rejoice]

By that rose we may well see  
There be on God in persons three,  
Pares forma. [Equal in form]

Leave we all this werldly mirth,  
And follow we this joyful birth:

Transeamus. [Let us cross over]

**OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*



**OFFERTORY**

Christmas Lullaby ..... *Jason Robert Brown* (b. 1970)

Katie Elledge, soprano

I'll never have the power  
to control the land  
Or conquer half the world  
Or claim the sun

I'll never be the kind  
who simply waves her hand  
And has a million people do  
The things I wish I'd done

But in the eyes of Heaven  
My place is assured  
I carry with me heaven's  
grand design

Gloria, glory, I will sing  
the name of the Lord  
And He will make me shine

And I will be like Mother Mary  
With a blessing in my soul  
And I will give the world  
my eyes

So they can see  
And I will be like Mother Mary  
With a blessing in my soul  
And the future of the world  
inside of me

And I will be like Mother Mary  
With the power in my veins  
To believe in all the things  
I've yet to be  
And I will be like Mother Mary  
And I'll suffer any pains  
For the future of the world  
Inside of me...

**PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

**\*CAROL 239**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

**\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

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

We Wish You a Merry Christmas ..... *Trad. 16th century English Carol*

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

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**POSTLUDE**

Ding, Dong! Merrily on High ..... arranged: *Noel Rawsthorne* (b. 1929)

Xuan He, organ

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

Children and youth are invited to remain in the sanctuary for this morning's intergenerational Lessons & Carols service. There is an interactive order of service by the Great Doors that includes coloring pages and jumbo bingo cards with words from all of today's lessons. Allie and Lena are available to care for restless babies and small children in the children's pew (front right of the sanctuary) or in the nursery.

**Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program**

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's homeless and hungry.

Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter.

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH**  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

LESSONS AND CAROLS!

ADVENT 3: JOY

**8** Unitarian Universalist  
**PRINCIPLES**

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragment of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church  
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*Gathered in love and service for justice and peace*

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

*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 end of greetings.*

## PRELUDE

A Little Child on Earth Has Been Born

The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nativity)

arranged: *Noel Rawsthorne* (b. 1929)

Xuan He, organ

## INTROIT

Angels from the Realms of Glory

text: *James Montgomery* (1771 - 1864)

music: *Henry Smart* (1813 - 1879)

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

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

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

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 3: JOY

Joy ..... The Templeton Family

## \*CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

## KINDLING OF THE CHANUKIAH ..... *Traditional Hebrew text*

translation: *Rev. Joanna Lubkin*

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Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,

asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu

l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,

sheh-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh.

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,

shehechyanu v'kiymanu v'higyanu la'zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Source of All,

who brings moments of holiness to our lives

through the ritual of lighting the Chanukah lights.

Blessed are You, Source of All,

who brings our attention to miracles

from ages past to this very moment.

Blessed are You, Source of All,

who has given us life, sustained us,

and has brought us to this very moment.

## LESSON

Why and How ..... Rev. Joanna Lubkin

## SONG

Not in Our Town ..... *Rev. Fred Small* (b. 1952)

Fred Small, guitar and vocals

## DEDICATION OF THE PLAQUE

FOR REV. GEORGE G. WHITEHOUSE

## \*CAROL

Carol of the Bells ..... *Mykola D. Leonatovych* (1877 – 1921)

arranged: *Peter J. Wilhousky* (1902 – 1978)

Hark how the bells,

Sweet silver bells,

All seem to say,

Throw cares away

Christmas is here,

Bringing good cheer,

To young and old,

Meek and the bold.

Ding dong ding dong

That is their song

With joyful ring

All caroling.

One seems to hear

Words of good cheer

From everywhere

Filling the air.

Oh how they pound,

Raising the sound,

O'er hill and dale,

Telling their tale.

Gaily they ring

While people sing

Songs of good cheer,

Christmas is here.

Merry, Merry, Merry,

Merry Christmas,

Merry, Merry, Merry,

Merry Christmas.

On on they send,

On without end,

Their joyful tone

To every home.

## LESSON

Your Candle ..... Erica Rose Long

## \*CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter ... text: *Christina Georgina Rossetti* (1830 - 1894)

and *John Andrew Storey* (1935 - 1997)

music: *Gustav Holst* (1874 - 1934)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,

In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Christ, a homeless stranger, so the gospels say,

Cradled in a manger and a bed of hay,

In the bleak midwinter stable-place sufficed

Mary and her baby, Jesus Christ.

Oh, what can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: Give my heart.

Once more child and mother weave their magic spell,

Touching hearts with wonder words can never tell;

In the bleak midwinter, in this world of pain,

Where our hearts are open, love is born again.

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## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary ..... *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)

text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*

music arranged: *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

## 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.

## LESSON

The Gifts of Darkness ..... Beth Robbins

## \*CAROL

Come Darkness, Come Light ..... *Mary Chapin Carpenter* (b. 1958)

Come darkness, come light

Come new star, shining bright

Come love to this world tonight

Alleluia

Come broken, come whole

Come wounded in your soul

Come anyway that you know

Alleluia

Come doubting, come sure

Come fearful to this door

Come see what love is for

Alleluia

Come running, come walking slow

Come weary on your broken road

Come shed your heavy load

Alleluia

There's a humble stable and a

light within

There's an angel hovering and

three wise men

Today a baby's born in

Bethlehem

Alleluia

Come darkness come light

Come new star burning bright

Come love to this world tonight

Alleluia

## LESSON

Let Every Heart Prepare! ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## CANTICLE

Canticle of the Turning ... *Gary Daigle, Rory Cooney, and Theresa Donohoo*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Daniel Rosensweig, vocals

My soul cries out with a joyful shout

that the God of my heart is great,

And my spirit sings of the wondrous things

that you bring to the one who waits.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,

and my weakness you did not spurn,

So from east to west shall my name be blest.

Could the world be about to turn?

## Chorus

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.*

*Let the fires of your justice burn.*

*Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,*

*And the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all,

you work great things in me.

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past

to the end of the age to be.

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

*continued on back*