# OFFERTORY

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

# \*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

## \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

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.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

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.

Please help to prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services by removing the hymnals from your pew and bringing them to the library carts at the Great Doors. Thank you!

# Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, CRE will remain in the sanctuary for the Lessons and Carols service. Children and youth may sit with their families or to come together around the white table in the front of the sanctuary.

If your child needs a break from the service, childcare is provided in the Nursery.

# PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

## **At Your Service:**

- \* If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
- \* If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- \* If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

  Any usher will be happy to help!

## Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, John O'Connor
Candles Chaplain, Art Judge
Lead Greeter, Jenn Britt
Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer
Worship Coordinator, Tricia Boulet
Assistant Treasurers, Ellen Spencer and Carol Fisher

## OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

#### CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

### THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Alex Frost (chair) / Greg Haig (vice-chair) Christine Curtiss / Dave Erbe / Mary Marcel Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon / Tina Rose Thomas Simers

## OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Tori Bell & Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators) Doc Kinne (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

**FM** amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available!

Please ask an usher for assistance.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

## ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

#### PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

# **Staff Directory**

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## **Urban Church Awareness**

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2014

Advent 4: Love Happy Chanukah Celebrating Winter Solstice Lessons & Carols

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM PROMOTES SEVEN PRINCIPLES

~ OUR FOURTH SOURCE ~

Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to G\*d's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 ST, 2014

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

## **PRELUDE**

Christmas Medley Special ...... arr. Kyle Landry (b. 1990) Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

## WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

## Introit

Justin Hicks, bass

## **GREETINGS**

# \*CAROL 233

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

# LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 4

Love ...... Erin, Alex, and Grady Frost

# \*HYMN 223

Rock of Ages ...... arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Introduction: Choir and Soloist

Verse 1: Congregation

Verse 2: Soloist (Justin Hicks, bass)

Verse 3: Congregation

## KINDLING THE CHANUKIAH

## LESSON

Peace and Darkness ...... Laura Evonne Steinman

## **SONG**

arr. Gayanne Geurin and Will Robertson

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Od vavo' shalom aleinu Again peace will come upon us

Ve'al kulam and on everyone.

Salaam Peace

Among us and on all the world Aleinu ve'al kol ha olam

Salaam, Shalom Peace, Peace

# 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



# 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,

Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

# \*CAROL

Oh the weather outside is frightful But the fire is so delightful And since we've no place to go storm! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

It doesn't show signs of stopping And I've brought some corn for

popping The lights are turned way down low Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

Let It Snow!

Let It Snow!

Let it Snow! ..... .... text: Sammy Cahn (1913-1993) music: Johnny Marks (1909-1985)

> When we finally kiss good night How I'll hate going out in the

> But if you'll really hold me tight All the way home I'll be warm

The fire is slowly dying And, my dear, we're still goodbye-ing But as long as you love me so

Let It Snow!

## LESSON

Meditation on the Red-Nosed Reindeer ...... Chris Alburger

## \*CAROL

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer ..... text: Robert May (1905-1976)

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names. as they shouted out with glee, They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.

music: *Johnny Marks* (1909-1985)

Then one foggy Christmas Eve Santa came to say:

"Rudolph with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?'

Then all the reindeer loved him Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history!

### LESSON

... Erica Rose Long Keep Christmas With You .....

## \*CAROL

Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin (1914-2011) & Ralph Blane (1914-1995)

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,

Let your heart be light From now on,

our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas,

Make the Yuletide gay, From now on,

our troubles will be miles away.

Here we are as in olden days, Happy golden days of yore. Faithful friends who are dear to us Gather near to us once more.

Through the years We all will be together,

If the Fates allow

Hang a shining star upon the highest bough.

And have yourself a merry little

Christmas now.

## LESSON

Here's My Heart, O Take and Seal It ...... Mark David Buckles

## CANTICLE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

music: John Wyeth (1770-1858), arr. Julie Metcalf/Mark David Buckles Julie Metcalf, fiddle; Mark David Buckles, guitar

## LESSON

Every Day, the Glory is Ready to Emerge from its Debasement Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

# SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ..... text: Theodore Baker (1851-1934) music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, From tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming, As men of old have sung; It came, a flow'ret bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind. With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind; To show God's love aright, She bore to men a savior, When half spent was the night.

## **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!

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