

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2013

## PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella ..... *16<sup>th</sup> century French carol*  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ..... *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*  
Winter Wonderland ..... *Felix Bernard (1897-1944)*  
Nick Place, piano

## INTROIT

Angels from the Realms of Glory .. text: *James Montgomery (1771-1864)*  
music: *Henry Smart (1813-1879)*  
arr. *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 4

Love ..... Erica Long, Field Education Student

## \*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain

## 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](http://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*  
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Julie Gregorio, soprano

The image shows musical notation for the hymn 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves: 'Drone' and 'Melody'. The Drone staff is a single treble clef line with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It contains a series of quarter notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The Melody staff is also a treble clef line with a 3/4 time signature and three flats. It begins with a key signature change to two flats (B-flat, E-flat). The melody starts with a quarter note B-flat, followed by a half note E-flat, then a quarter note A-flat. This is followed by a triplet of eighth notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The melody continues with a quarter note B-flat, a quarter note E-flat, and a quarter note A-flat. The lyrics 'We pray' are written under the first two staves, and 'We' is written under the second staff.

## 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.

## SONG

My Favorite Things, from *The Sound of Music*

text: *Richard Rodgers* (1902-1979)

music: *Oscar Hammerstein* (1895-1960)

Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Nick Place, piano

## \*LESSON

Snowflakes ..... Laura Evonne Steinman

## \*CAROL

We Three Kings ..... text & music: *Rev. John Henry Hopkins* (1820-1891)

arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

### Verse One

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and  
mountain,

Following yonder star.

### Chorus

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

### Verse Two

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

### Chorus

### Verse Three

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

### Chorus

## LESSONS

Presents Both Useless and Useful ..... Ann Clarke

The Gift of Passion ..... Phyllis Guiliano

## ANTHEM

Tres Villancicos de Navidad (Three Christmas Carols)

I. Dadme Albricias (Give me glad tidings, children of Eve!)

*Anonymous 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish carol*

arr. *Ben Allaway* (b. 1958)

Laura Heinrichs, flute; Ryan Meyer, percussion; Nick Place, piano

## \*CAROL 240

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

## LESSON

Love Actually Is All Around ..... Catie Scudera

## **ANTHEM**

Tres Villancicos de Navidad (Three Christmas Carols)

II. Riu, Riu Chiu ..... *Anonymous 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish carol*  
arr. Ben Allaway (b. 1958)

Laura Gilmore O'Connor, Eve Lauria, and Karen Tausch, sopranos  
Richard Marshall, baritone

Laura Heinrichs, flute; Ryan Meyer, percussion; Susan Miron, harp  
River, little river, guardian of the riverside,  
God keep the wolf from our sheep.

## **\*CAROL 244**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

## **LESSON**

The Mouse House ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

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

## **ANTHEM**

Tres Villancicos de Navidad (Three Christmas Carols)

III. Dansaron (O gift of gifts, Virgin Mary)

*Anonymous 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish carol*  
arr. Ben Allaway (b. 1958)

Marco Jordao, tenor; Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano

Zachary Ballard, baritone

Laura Heinrichs, flute; Ryan Meyer, percussion; Susan Miron, harp

## **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**

Let There Be Peace on Earth ..... *Jill Jackson Miller (1913-1995)*

Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

*Sy Miller (1908-1971)*

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

## **\*CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

## **\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## **\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Wish You A Merry Christmas ..... *trad. 16<sup>th</sup> century English carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas (3)  
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

Fugato and Presto from Variations on a Noel

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

*Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

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

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

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There is no formal CRE today. Everyone is invited to be a part of the Lessons and Carols Service! There are coloring pages at the CRE table in the front of the sanctuary. For our very young children, there is childcare in the Perkins Room and project preparation for Christmas Eve. A special thanks to all the youth for helping with sandwich board.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ~ 5, 7, AND 9 PM

Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening! The 5 PM service is perfect for children and fun for all. The 7 and 9 PM services feature the Boston Gay Men's Chorus. Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services!

### 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*

Lead Greeter, *Jenn Britt*

Lead Usher, *Dave Erbe*

Worship Coordinator, *Rev. George G. Whitehouse*

Assistant Treasurers, *Nancy George and Dave Erbe*