

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 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

Voluntaries *John Stanley* (1712 - 1786)
Xuan He, organ

INTROIT

The Immigrant Experience *John Kramer* (b. 1973)

I. Welcome

II. The Bosom of America

Andrew Papas, baritone

please see insert for lyrics and program notes

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 1: HOPE

Sharon Gentges, Alden MacNulty, and Rohn MacNulty

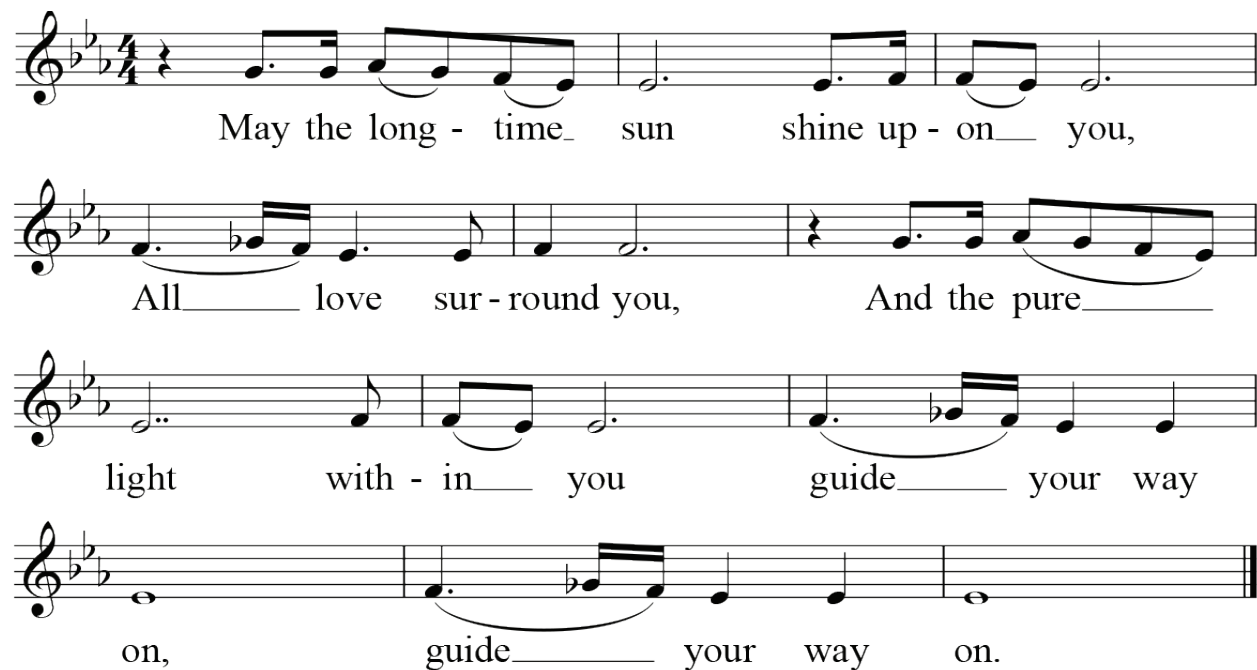
*HYMN 226

People, Look East

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)

from *A Very Cellular Song* arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)



May the long - time_ sun shine up - on_ you,
All_____ love sur - round you, And the pure_____
light with - in_ you guide_____ your way
on, guide_____ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to join
the Children's Religious Education program!*

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

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.
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*HYMN 188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

SERMON


Angels Unawares *Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Immigrant Experience *John Kramer (b. 1973)*
III. Where Do You Come From?
IV. The Immigrant Struggle
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
V. Journey from the South

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

The Immigrant Experience *John Kramer (b. 1973)*
VI. We Remember, We Cry
Katie Elledge, soprano
VII. Finale

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

This Land is Your Land *Woody Guthrie (1912 - 1967)*

Chorus

*This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Island
From the redwood forest, to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me*

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me a golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and I've rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
While all around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus

There was a big high wall there that tried to stop me.
The sign was painted, said "Private Property."
But on the backside, it didn't say nothing.
This land was made for you and me.

In the squares of the city, in the shadow of the steeple,
By the relief office, I seen my people.
And some are grumblin', and some are wonderin'
If this land's still made for you and me.

The sun comes shining as I was strolling
The wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The fog was lifting, a voice come chanting
This land was made for you and me.

Nobody living can ever stop me,
As I go walking that freedom highway;
Nobody living can ever make me turn back.
This land was made for you and me.

Chorus

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

The Mission of Our Faith

Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz (b. 1949), adapted

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

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.*

POSTLUDE

Rondeau, from Abdelazer *Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)*

Xuan He, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Welcome to a very special day in CRE! Our own Alden MacNulty (9½ years old) will be leading a discussion on climate change from a planetary perspective. Thanks to Alden for volunteering to teach and to Nancy Perna for assisting. All are welcome to join Alden and Nancy in the Perkins Room for today's unique CRE program.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

Today's Share the Plate: The LGBT Asylum Task Force

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a ministry of Hadwen Park Church (Worcester) and a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBTQI individuals who are seeking asylum in the United States.

Asylum seekers who file for asylum in the United States are not permitted to work until they are granted a work permit and social security number, a process that can take more than a year. During that time, the Task Force strives to provide housing and financial support.

Their goal is to educate the public in an effort to change policy around the globe so that someday no LGBTQI person will need to seek asylum because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Thank you for your generosity!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinators, *John O'Connor (with Ali Jablonsky)*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Rachel Corey*

Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*

Worship Coordinator, *Darrell Waters*

Assistant Treasurer, *Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder*

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service or hymnal or a Braille hymnal
- * 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!

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.