

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2016

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

Solstice d'été *Dirk Maassen* (b. 1970)

piano transcription: *Carlos Márquez* (b. 1985)

Winter Peace *Jim Brickman* (b. 1961)

I Saw the Path of Angels *David Lanz* (b. 1950)

Linli Wang, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Bearing Witness at Standing Rock Rev. Fred Small

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

There Will Be A Light *Ben Harper* (b. 1969)

choral arrangement & additional lyrics: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 3: JOY

Joy *Lois Hartsough and Ted Rudinsky*

*HYMN 226

People, Look East

DRESSING THE MITTEN TREE

Laura Evonne Steinman and Jaimie Dingus

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

O Tannenbaum *Traditional German Carol*

piano arrangement: *Vince Guaraldi* (1928 - 1976)

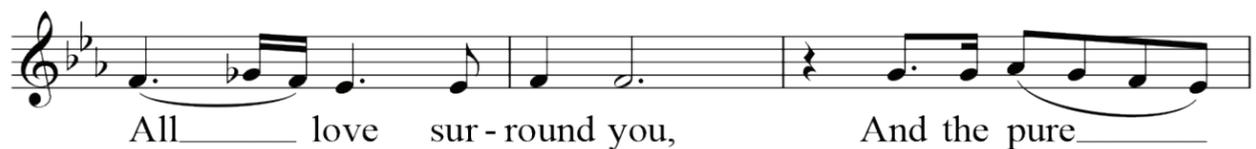
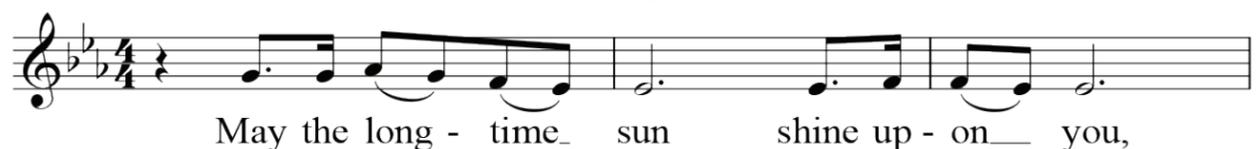
Joe Della Penna, piano and vocals

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)

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



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

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)*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

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 241

In the Bleak Midwinter

Joanna Lubkin, vocals; Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

SERMON

Come Darkness Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Personent Hodie *Traditional 14th century Latin carol*
choral arrangement: *Alice Parker (b. 1925)*

*This piece celebrates the Christian story of Jesus' birth. Christianity is one of
the many sources of the Unitarian Universalist faith,
which we honor in this season.*

Let resound today the voices of children, joyfully praising Him who is born to us, given by most high God, and conceived by the Virgin Mary. He was born into the world, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger in a stable for animals, the master of the heavens. The prince of Hell has lost his spoils.	Three Magi came, they were bearing gifts, and sought the little one, following a star, to worship him, and offer him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let all priests just like the boys sing like angels: "You have come to the world, I pour out praises to you. Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"
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OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 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. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

When Blossoms Flowered 'Midst the Snows *Pietro Yon* (1886 - 1943)
“Gesù Bambino” translation: *Frederick H. Martens* (1874 - 1932)
Julie Gregorio, soprano; Larry Gregorio, guitar

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Better Days *Pat Humphries* and *Sandy Opatow*
choral arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Julie Metcalf, violin; Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

In the light...

In the dark...

We begin...

Chorus

Let us sing for today

Let us learn better ways

Showing love

Giving hope

We create better days

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*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, and with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

Violin Concerto No. 4 in F minor Op. 8, RV 297

“Winter” from *The Four Seasons* *Antonio Vivaldi* (1678 - 1741)

I. Allegro non molto

piano transcription: *Benjamin Gabbay* (b. 1995)

Linli Wang, piano

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! There is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. 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.

CRE Group	Pre-K (2- 5yrs)	Spirit Play (K-2nd grade)	UU Super Heroes (3rd-5th grade)	Coming of Age (COA) (6th-8th grade)	Youth Group (8th-12th grade)
Location	Hunnewell Chapel	Perkins Room	Carol Smith Room	Carol Smith Room	Sanctuary

CRE groups begin with the sharing of sorrows and joys and then all will join together to finish making scarves and holiday bags for the Friday Night Supper Program guests.

Note: Next Sunday is the annual Lessons and Carols Service followed by a holiday party in the Parish Hall with gingerbread house making, a hot chocolate bar, gift wrapping, and more!

Share the Plate: December

The bounty of this month's Share the Plate will be given to our own Friday Night Supper Program as well as our sister congregation in Dorchester, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, for their holiday outreach. Friday Night Supper Program will be providing a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests. Bethel will be hosting the annual holiday party for the children and families in their neighborhood who would otherwise be without Christmas gifts. Throughout the winter, both organizations will provide hot meals and outerwear to these most vulnerable populations. Thank you for your generosity!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Art Nava*
 Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
 Lead Greeter, *David Scanlon*
 Lead Usher, *Mike Cournoyer*
 Worship Coordinator, *Beth Robbins*
 Assistant Treasurers, *Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes*

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.