

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2010

LESSONS & CAROLS

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

PRELUDE

Pifa ("Pastoral Symphony) from *Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Molly Wood, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Angels from the Realms of Glory music: *Henry Smart* (1813-1879)

text: *James Montgomery* (17-71-1864)

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent 4: Love *Patrick G. Green*

Rachel, Anna and Andrew Silverman

*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, by clicking on "Worship."

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and 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; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Drone

Melody

We pray We

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.

***CAROL**

Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer text: *Robert May* (1905-1976)
music: *Johnny Marks* (1909-1985)

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.
They never let poor Rudolph join in any reindeer games.
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, as they shouted out with glee;
"Rudolph the red nosed reindeer, you'll go down in history"!

LESSON

Love and Joy in Merry Measure *Rebecca Fromm*

***CAROL**

Here We Come A-Wassailing

Here we come a-wassailing
Among the leaves so green;
Here we come a-wand'ring
So fair to be seen.

Love and joy come to you,
And to you your wassail too;
And God bless you and send
you a Happy New Year
And God send you a Happy
New Year.

We are not daily beggars
That beg from door to door;

But we are neighbours'
children,
Whom you have seen before.

Refrain

God bless the master of this
house

Likewise the mistress too,
And all the little children
That round the table go

Refrain

LESSON

Multi-Colored Sheep at Peace by Candle Light
Laura Evonne Steinman

***CAROL 55**

Dark of Winter

LESSON

The Hope of the World *Mark David Buckles*

ANTHEM

O Magnum Mysterium *Tomás Luis de Victoria* (1548-1611)

LESSON

Given To *Phyllis Guiliano*

***CAROL**

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

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 Yule-tide 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

Deposing the Despot Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

“Rejoice Greatly” from *Messiah* *G.F. Handel* (1685-1759)
Rachel Gitner, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

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

I'll Be Home for Christmas *Kim Gannon, Walter Kent*
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas *Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane*
Molly Wood, piano *arr. Tom Roed*

***CAROL 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Wish You A Merry Christmas *trad. 16th 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

Sleigh Ride *Leroy Anderson* (1908-1975) *arr. Tom Roed*
Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY – December 19th, 2010

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

We're so happy that the children are celebrating Lessons and Carols with us this morning! Please go to the box pews at the front right of the sanctuary where Laura has activity bags for the children to enjoy during the service. If your child becomes restless, please feel free to ask an usher for directions to our nursery just off the sanctuary. Your child can enjoy the toys, while you continue to enjoy the service which is piped into the room.

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS !

Holiday Events, Holiday Services

- Dec. 21, 8PM** Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Beautiful readings, meditation by candlelight, songs, & wassailing the trees in the Public Garden
- Dec. 24, 5PM** Christmas Eve by Candle Light family service
7 & 9PM Community Services with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus

For more information, visit www.ASCBoston.org. All Are Welcome!

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

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer
Candles Coordinator, John M. O'Connor
Lead Greeter, Danny Fournier
Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer
Worship Coordinator, Desmond Ravenstone

**IF YOU FELT THIS WAS A GREAT SERVICE,
NEXT WEEK, BRING A FRIEND TO SHARE IN THE JOY!**