

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT, 5:00 PM

PRELUDE

Selection of Christmas Carols and Songs arr. *Joe Della Penna*
Joe Della Penna, piano

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. *Sir David Willcocks* (1919 – 2015)
music and text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711 – 1786)

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem;
Come and adore him,
born the king of angels;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Lo, humble shepherds,
hast'ning to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks in the fields,
draw near.

We, too, with gladness thither
bend our footsteps;
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!

Glory to G*d!
Glory in the Highest!
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING

How the Light Comes: A Blessing for Christmas Day

Jan L. Richardson

Morgen Cooleybeck, Sonia and Tessa Erbe,
Lucy and George Humphrey, Lena Pontes

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)

Mark David Buckles, piano & vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin & vocals

KINDLING OF THE CHANUKIAH *Traditional Hebrew Text*
translation: *Rev. Joanna Lubkin* (b. 1985)

Tevan Goldberg, baritone

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
sheh-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh.

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
shehechyanu v'kiymanu v'higyanu la'zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings moments of holiness to our lives
through the ritual of lighting the Chanukah lights.
Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings our attention to miracles
from ages past to this very moment.
Blessed are You, Source of All,
who has given us life, sustained us
and has brought us to this very moment.

GREETINGS

***CAROL**

Go Tell It on the Mountain ... *Traditional African American Spiritual*

Chorus

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the baby's birth.

Chorus

Down in a lowly manger the humble babe was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN

Each Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night

All children are invited to come to the front!

Deck the Hall music: *Traditional Welsh Carol*
text: *Thomas Oliphant (1799 – 1873)*

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la, la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la.
See the blazing Yule before us, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Follow me in merry measure, fa la la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Fast away the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la.
Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la la, la la la la.
Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la.

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer

music: *Johnny Marks (1909 – 1985)*
text: *Robert May (1905 – 1976)*

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him,

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!

Jingle Bells text & music: *James Lord Pierpont* (1822 – 1893)

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bobtail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way;
Oh! what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

READING

Luke 2:1-20 Rev. Beth Robbins

CANTICLE

O Holy Night text: *Placide Cappeau* (1808 – 1877)
translation: *John S. Dwight* (1813 – 1893)
music: *Adolphe C. Adam* (1803 – 1856)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano; Hana Omori, mezzo soprano

SERMON

Fear Not Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon *Traditional English Carol* and
Johann Pachelbel (1652 – 1706)
arrangement: *Michael Clawson*

Julie Metcalf, violin

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Thanks to the generosity of the Tammy and Zoe Arcuri Giving Fund, gifts to this evening's offering will be matched dollar for dollar. In the spirit of the season, please consider making a special gift! Members of Arlington Street's leadership are giving Christmas gifts between \$250-\$500; our ministers have both pledged gifts of \$500! Your Christmas contribution of any amount will be much appreciated and matched to ensure that Arlington Street Church



continues to serve our city as a beacon 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 generosity!

Merry Christmas!

OFFERTORY

Christmas Time Is Here *Vince Guaraldi* (1928 – 1976)
Joe Della Penna, piano

*CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night text: *Josef Mohr* (1792 – 1848)
translation: *John Freeman Young* (1820 – 1885)
music: *Franz Gruber* (1787 – 1863)

Silent Night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the savior is born,
Christ the savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

*CAROL

Joy to the World! text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 – 1748)
tune: *G.F. Handel* (1685 – 1759)
music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 – 1872)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
Let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, and wonders of his love.

***BENEDICTION**

The Work of Christmas

Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981), adapted

Morgen Cooleybeck, Sonia and Tessa Erbe,
Lucy and George Humphrey, Lena Pontes

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *(please join in!)*

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *Trad. 16th Century English Carol*

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

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

POSTLUDE

Finale from *Variations Sur un Noel* (1922) *Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)*

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Welcome to Arlington Street Church!

We're thrilled to welcome you to our Christmas Eve candle lighting service! Arlington Street opens its doors to all spiritual seekers of good heart. Every Sunday morning, we gather at 11:00 for beautiful music and an inspiring message from Rev. Kim. After the service, we enjoy coffee, lunch, conversation, and community together. We hope you'll come back again soon! *All are welcome!*

Special Thanks To

Arlington Street Church Youth: Morgen Cooleybeck, Sonia and Tessa Erbe,
Lucy and George Humphrey, Lena Pontes

Lead Ushers: Philip Roberts and Vickie Henry and the entire team
of ushers and greeters

Liz Teixeira, Treasurer

Assistant Treasurers: Alma Antoniotti, Paul Babbitt, Dawn Bellamo, Bruce
Dallaire, Gail Jennes, Deb Khobare, Reese Millican, Philip Roberts,
Scott Schroeder, and Kevin Tyrrell

Robert Holley, for creating the exquisite sanctuary decorations

Kevin Tyrrell, Lead Elf, and a host of Elves for "bringing in the greens!"

Jon Andersen-Miller, Bruce Dallaire, Darrell Waters, and Queen Cheryl
for beautification

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

You, for your radiant presence here this evening!