



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 2010

Happy Feast of Saint Stephen, Boxing Day, and Kwanzaa!

PRELUDE

Jazz Improvisation
Joe Della Penna, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Down By the Riverside *Traditional Gospel*
Marques Hollie, tenor; Joe Della Penna, piano

CHALICE LIGHTING

Laura Evonne Steinmann

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*
music: *Bart Bradfield*

Go in joy, — go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

*Following the Children's Blessing, all children are always
welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

*HYMN

Good King Wenceslas music: 13th Century Carol
text: *John Mason Neale* (1818-1866)

Good King Wenceslas looked out On the feast of Stephen When the snow lay round about Deep and crisp and even Brightly shone the moon that night Though the frost was cruel When a poor man came in sight Gath'ring winter fuel "Hither, page, and stand by me If thou know'st it, telling Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?" "Sire, he lives a good league hence Underneath the mountain Right against the forest fence By Saint Agnes' fountain." "Bring me flesh and bring me wine Bring me pine logs hither Thou and I will see him dine When we bear him thither."	Page and monarch forth they went Forth they went together Through the rude wind's wild lament And the bitter weather "Sire, the night is darker now And the wind blows stronger Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer." "Mark my footsteps, my good page Tread thou in them boldly Thou shalt find the winter's rage Freeze thy blood less coldly." In his master's steps he trod Where the snow lay dented Heat was in the very sod Which the Saint had printed Therefore, all good folk, be sure Wealth or rank possessing Ye who now will bless the poor Shall yourselves find blessing
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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."

Spirit Of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the
 stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind, rise in
 the sea;
Move in the hand, giving
 life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings
 set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me,
come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.

Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.

Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida

Arráigame, libérame,

Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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.

***HYMN 347**

Gather the Spirit

SERMON

Living on the Edge Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

All Good Gifts, from *Godspell* *Stephen Schwartz* (b. 1948)

Marques Hollie, tenor; Joe Della Penna, 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

Prelude on Joy to the World *G. F. Handel* (1685-1759)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ and *Raymond Haan* (b. 1938)

***HYMN 57**

All Beautiful the March of Days

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

R. M. Rilke

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (*sung twice; please join us!*)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *Buckles*

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas (Carol Medley) *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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

TODAY – December 26th, 2010

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today in CRE we will continue our focus on the third Unitarian Universalist Principle: spiritual growth and acceptance. We're using our time to reflect on the holiday season and what it means to be Unitarian Universalist. All ages are welcome!

Please note that next Sunday, January 2nd, Laura will be out of town, but there will be CRE with JP and some parents! Our theme for January will be our 4th Unitarian Universalist Principle: Each person is free to search for truth and meaning in their life!