

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 2013 Happy New Year!

Prelude

Fantasia No.1	. Nicholas Strogers (c. 1555-c. 1610)
Pavana, Bray	William Byrd (1540-1623)
Galiarda	William Byrd
Nick Place, piano	

Introit

Nature's Way text and music: *Charles Ives* (1874-1954)
Zachary Ballard, baritone; Nick Place, piano
When the distant evening bell calmly breathes its blessing;
When the moonlight to the trees speaks in words caressing;
When the stars with radiance gaze toward the sleeping flowers:
Then does nature bare her soul, giving strength to ours.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*НумN 58

Ring Out, Wild Bells

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.

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.Sing in my heart all the
stirrings of compassion.Y al corazón,
cántale tu compasión.

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.

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 57

All Beautiful the March of Days

SERMON

Limits and Cracks Ann Clarke, Post-Doctoral Intern Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

At the River text and music: *Rev. Robert Lowry* (1826-1899) from *Old American Songs* arr: *Aaron Copland* (1900-1990) Zachary Ballard, baritone; Nick Place, 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

The Woods so Wild *William Byrd* (1540-1623) Nick Place, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Hymn 235

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

*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

Auld Lang Syne Traditional Scottish Song Nick Place, piano
*You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.

TODAY in CRE

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

CRE will return on Sunday, January 5th.