

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 2020

ADVENT II ~ PEACE

PRELUDE

Six Pieces for Children*Felix Mendelssohn* (1809 – 1847)

I. Allegro non troppo in G Major

II. Andante sostenuto in E-Flat Major

III. Allegretto in G Major

IV. Andante con moto in D Major

V. Allegro assai in G Minor

VI. Vivace in F Major

Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Give Yourself to Love *Kate Wolf* (1942 – 1986)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, piano and vocals

Kind friends all gathered 'round, there's something I would say
That what brings us together here has blessed us all today
Love has made a circle that holds us all inside
Where strangers are as family, loneliness can't hide

You must give yourself to love if love is what you're after
Open up your hearts to the tears and laughter
And give yourself to love, give yourself to love

I've walked these mountains in the rain and learned to love the wind
I've been up before the sunrise to watch the day begin
I've always knew I'd find you, though I never did know how
Like sunshine on a cloudy day stand before me now

So give yourself to love if love is what you're after
Open up your hearts to the tears and laughter
And give yourself to love, give yourself to love

Love is born in fire; it's planted like a seed
Love can't give you everything, but it gives you what you need
And love comes when you're ready, love comes when you're afraid
It'll be your greatest teacher, the best friend you have made

So give yourself to love if love is what you're after
Open up your hearts to the tears and laughter
And give yourself to love, give yourself to love

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ PEACE

Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem *Maya Angelou* (1928 – 2014)

HYMN 225

O Come, O Come Emmanuel text: *Latin 12th Century*
translation: *John Neale* (1818 – 1866), adapted
music: *Chant c. 15th Century*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And with your captive children dwell
Give comfort to all exiles here
And to the aching heart bid cheer
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Love to dwell

O come, you Splendor very bright
As joy that never yields to might
O come, and turn all hearts to peace
That greed and war at last shall cease
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Truth to dwell

O come, you Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your presence here
And dawn in every broken soul
As vision that can see the whole
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Light to dwell

O come, you Wisdom from on high
From depths that hide within a sigh
To temper knowledge with our care
To render every act a prayer
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come within as Hope to dwell

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Hana Omori, soprano; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance [here](#). During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

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 6

Just as Long as I Have Breath text: *Alicia S. Carpenter (1930 – 1990)*
music: *Conrad Kocher (1786 – 1872)*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin

Just as long as I have breath
I must answer, "Yes," to life
Though with pain I made my way
Still with hope I meet each day
If they ask what I did well
Tell them I said, "Yes," to life

Just as long as vision lasts
I must answer, "Yes," to truth
In my dream and in my dark
Always that elusive spark
If they ask what I did well
Tell them I said, "Yes," to truth

Just as long as my heart beats
I must answer, "Yes," to love
Disappointment pierced me through
Still I kept on loving you
If they ask what I did best
Tell them I said, "Yes," to love

SERMON

Say Yes Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Say Yes *Bob Franke (b. 1947)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

When the angel arrives there will be terror, but say yes
The sound of wings like the breaking of a mirror, but say yes
It will arrive where you're little and you're scared
It will lay claim to the things you've never shared
And though your heart and your soul are unprepared, say yes

And it may tear you from home and family, but say yes
It may demand you become a refugee, but say yes
And when you're cold, and you're hungry, and you're poor
When you're in pain in a room without a door
And when the angel returns and asks for more, say yes

Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you
Worlds without end depend on you
Blessed is the one whom you bring forth
Who no one else can bring

When the legions of angels call you blessed, say yes
And were you faithful in each and every test? Say yes
And when they ask you in story and in song,
Were you upheld and protected all along?
Did the power of the spirit keep you strong? Say yes

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC



Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the budget. **Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them.** You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up [automatic payments](#) via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

OFFERTORY

Flight *Craig Carnelia* (b. 1949)

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

Let me run through a field in the night
Let me lift from the ground 'til my soul is in flight.

Let me sway like the shade of a tree
Let me swirl like a cloud in a storm on the sea.
Wish me on my way

Through the dawning day, I
Wanna flow, wanna rise, wanna spill
Wanna grow, wanna grow
On the side of a hill.

I don't care if the train runs late
If the checks won't clear
If the house blows down.

I'll be off where the weeds run wild
Where the seeds fall far from this
Earthbound town.

And I'll start to soar!
Watch me rain 'til I pour out!
I'll catch a ship that'll sail me astray
Get caught in a wind I'll just have to obey, 'til I'm flying away!
Let me leave behind
All the clouds in my mind I
Wanna wake without wondering why
Finding myself for a burst for the sky!

I'll just roll!
Let me lose all control I
Wanna float like a wish in a well
Free as the sound of the sea in a shell

I don't know
But maybe I'm just a fool

I should keep to the ground
I should stay where I'm at
Maybe everyone has hunger like this
And the hunger will pass
But I can't think like that

All I know is somewhere though a clearing
There's a flickering of sunlight on a river long and wide

And I have such a river inside!
Let me run through a field in the night!
Let me lift from the ground 'til my soul is in flight!
Let me sway like the shade of a tree!
Let me swirl like a cloud in a storm on the sea!
Wish me on my way!
Through the dawning day I
Wanna flow, wanna rise, wanna spill
Wanna grow on the side of a hill

Wanna shift like a wave going on
Wanna drift from the path
I've been traveling upon
Before I am gone.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

ALL SOULS ~ A Campaign for the Preservation of Arlington Street Church

HYMN

Life Calls Us On text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

Here in reverence now we gather
For the blessings we have known,
With a pledge to one another
That we journey not alone.
Joy and sorrow make us wise,
Kin to all that lives and dies;
Love calls us on, love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us
Waken here to keep us strong;
Blend our voices in the chorus
Of creation's living song.
Courage bids us lift our eyes
Upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on, hope calls on.

Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize,
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free,
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste
I bow to the Divine in You.

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go
Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go
For your people are my people
Your people are mine
Your people are my people
Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

One Love *Bob Marley* (1945 – 1981)
Yulia Yun, organ



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