

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2019

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 end of Greetings.

PRELUDE

Peace Piece *Bill Evans* (1929 – 1980)

Tevan Goldberg, piano

INTROIT

Filled with Loving Kindness music: *Ian W. Riddell* (b. 1961)

arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

text: *Traditional Buddhist Meditation*, adapted *Mark W. Hayes* (b. 1953)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello and Hana Omori, sopranos

May I be filled with Loving Kindness. May I be well.

May you be filled with Loving Kindness. May you be well.

May we be peaceful, and at ease. May we be whole.

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WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent II: Peace *Art Nava*

*HYMN 225

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

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

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

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN

Or Zarua *Dan Nichols (b. 1969)*

Or Zarua latzadik u'l'yish'rey lev simchah

Plant the seeds of Joy and Light;
Tend them carefully day and night,
In this soil so dark and deep,
I plant the dreams that Love will reap.

SERMON

Karma *Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

From the State of Emptiness *Catherine Dalton (b. 1963)*

Om Mani Padme Hum*

From the state of emptiness,
the self flows freely to the sky
breathing the sweet breath of life

From the state of emptiness,
the self flows deep within the earth
awakening what once was asleep

From the state of emptiness,
I becomes the We,
Self becomes the Whole

From the state of emptiness
the self flows free

Om Mani Padme Hum

**The mantra Om Mani Padme Hum is inscribed on rocks, musical instruments, prayer flags, and prayer wheels in Tibet. Though it cannot be easily translated, it is said to contain the entire teachings of the Buddha.*

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the unpledged offering is shared with a partner



in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 (all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Galileo *Emily Saliers* (b. 1963)

Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Let the Life I Lead *Traditional Irish*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Let the life I lead speak for me
Let the life I lead speak for me
When I'm lying in my grave
And there's nothing more to say
Let the life I lead speak for me

2. Let the friends I have ...

3. Let the work I do ...

4. Let the love I share ...

5. Let the songs I sing ...

6. Let the life I lead ...

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL *(sung twice; please join in!)*

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
choral 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

Seasons of Love, from *Rent* *Jonathan Larson* (1960 – 1996)
Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages and Sermon Bingo cards in the children's pew, on the right aisle in the front of the sanctuary. If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

December Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's hungry and unhoused people.

Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Lucy Humphrey*

Candles Chaplain, *Darrell Waters*

Lead Greeter, *Rachel Corey*

Lead Usher, *Deb Khobare*

Worship Coordinator, *Ali Jablonsky*

Assistant Treasurers, *Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes*

Please silence your cell phone.

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.