

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2012

PRELUDE

New England Sketches, 1990 *Irina Kirilenko*

1. Autumn in New Hampshire
 2. Masts in Portsmouth Harbor
 3. Kites over Cape Cod
- Molly Wood, piano

WELCOME

INTROIT

Light These Lights (Hear My Prayer) ... *Debbie Friedman* (1951-2011)
arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar & vocals; Joanna Lubkin, vocals

CHALICE LIGHTING *Laura Evonne Steinman*

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 2

Peace *Catie Scudera*, Intern Minister

On the four Sundays before Christmas, we light a candle on the Advent wreath in recognition of the eternal cycle of the seasons, and in honor of the birth of prophets old and new.

KINDLING THE MENORAH *Joanne, Hillary, Ari & Lucy Lloyd-Farber*

*HYMN 223

Rock of Ages arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Jonathan Price, tenor

Introduction: Choir and Soloist

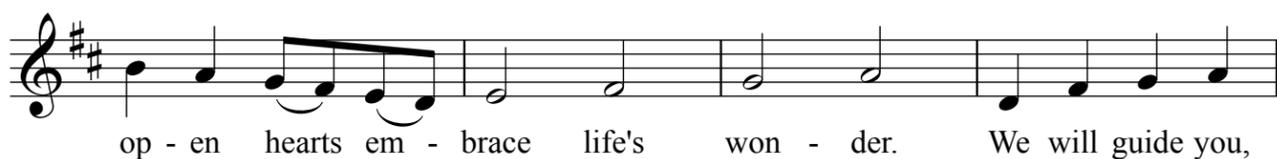
Verse 2: Soloist

Verse 1: Congregation

Verse 3: Congregation

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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



At this time, all children are welcome to join the Children's Religious Education program!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

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.”

Some of us pray with words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
text: *African American Spiritual “Balm in Gilead” and Nick Page*
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Julie Gregorio, soprano

The image shows musical notation for the song 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves: 'Drone' and 'Melody'. Both staves are in 3/4 time and have a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The Drone staff has a single note (G4) that is sustained throughout the piece. The Melody staff begins with a whole note (G4), followed by a half note (A4), and then a triplet of eighth notes (B4, A4, G4). The lyrics 'We pray We' are written below the melody staff, with 'We' under the first note, 'pray' under the half note, and 'We' under the final note of the triplet.

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 83

Winds Be Still

SERMON

The Maccabee and the Rabbi In Us Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Five Hebrew Love Songs text: *Hila Plitmann* (b. 1973)
music: *Eric Whitacre* (b. 1970)

Rachel Kelly, violin; Ryan Meyer, percussion

I. Temuna (A Picture)

A picture is engraved in my heart;
Moving between light and darkness:
A sort of silence envelopes your body,
And your hair falls upon your face just so.

II. Kala Kalla (Light Bride)

Light bride
She is all mine,
And lightly
She will kiss me!

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

Five Hebrew Love Songs

III. Larov (Mostly)

“Mostly,” said the roof to the sky,
“the distance between you and me is endlessness;
But a while ago two came up here,
And only one centimeter was left between us.”

IV. Eyze Shelleg! (What Snow!)

What snow!
Like little dreams
Falling from the sky.

V. Rakut (Tenderness)

He was full of tenderness;
She was very hard.
And as much as she tried to stay thus,
Simply, and with no good reason,
He took her into himself,
And set her down
In the softest, softest place.

READING Catie Scudera & Richard Marshall

Merger Poem *Judy Chicago* (b. 1939)

***HYMN**

Peace, Salaam, Shalom *Pat Humphries* and *Sandy Opatow*

Mark David Buckles, guitar & vocals; Ryan Meyer, percussion

***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.

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POSTLUDE

Russian Dance “Trepak” from *The Nutcracker Suite*

Molly Wood, piano

Leopold Mozart (1840-1893)

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

TODAY in CRE

Children’s Religious Education (CRE)

Today, in honor of Chanukah, we will be talking about war and peace and making potato pancakes for all to enjoy after the service. We will also prep for the holiday craft-making party happening after CRE.

Everyone is invited to the craft-making party from 12:30-1:30 in the Perkins room! Come and create bird feeders, cards, oranges scented with cloves, and more.

Note: At the Holiday sale, the CRE program is also selling the herbs we harvested and packaged from the Arlington Street garden!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Gail Jennes and Alma Antoniotti

Candles Coordinator, Christopher Mundy

Lead Greeter, Rachel Corey

Lead Usher, Greg Haig

Worship Coordinator, John O’Connor