

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 2018

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

Deux Nocturnes *Anton Rubinstein (1829 - 1894)*
from *Morceaux Op. 71 & 28*
Kelly Lenahan, piano

INTROIT

Oseh Shalom text: *Liturgy of the Kaddish, adapted*
music: *Joshua Bornfield (b. 1980)*
~world premiere~

Dedicated to the congregation of Tree of Life Synagogue

Oseh shalom bimromav	May he who makes peace
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu	in high places,
V'al kol Yisrael	Make peace for us and for all Israel,
V'al kol ha'arets	And for all the lands
V'imru, v'imeru: amein.	And let us say amen.

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 2: PEACE

Lighting the Advent Wreath *Rev. Erika A. Hewett*
Mary Pat McMahon & Ken Templeton, Liam and Maura

GREETINGS

KINDLING OF THE CHANUKAIIH *Traditional Hebrew text*
translation: *Rev. Joanna Lubkin*

Daniel Rosensweig

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
sheh-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh.

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
shehechyanu v'kiyimanu v'higiyanu la'zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings moments of holiness to our lives
through the ritual of lighting the Chanukah lights.

Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings our attention to miracles
from ages past to this very moment.

Blessed are You, Source of All,
who has given us life, sustained us
and has brought us to this very moment.

*HYMN 223

Rock of Ages (Ma'oz Tzur) arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

John Bitsas, baritone

Introduction: Choir and Soloist

Verse 1: Congregation

Verse 2: Soloist

Verse 3: Congregation

1 Rock of Ages, let our song praise your saving power; you amidst the raging foes were our sheltering tower. Raging they assailed us, but your arm availed us, and your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.

2 Kindling new the holy lamps, priests, unbowed by suffering, purified the nation's shrine, brought to God their offering. And in lands surrounding hear the joy abounding, happy throngs singing songs with a mighty sounding.

3 Children of the prophet's word whether free or fettered, wake the echoes of the songs where you may be scattered. Yours the message cheering that the time is nearing which shall see nations free, tyrants disappearing.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)

from *A Very Cellular Song* arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time sun shine up - on you,
All love sur - round you, And the pure
light with - in you guide your way
on, guide your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to leave
with Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry!*

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
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

Better Days *Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow*
choral arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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

In the light...

In the dark...

We begin...

Chorus

Let us sing for today
Let us learn better ways
Showing love
Giving hope
We create better days

SERMON

Be the Light Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Gonna Get Through This World text: *Woody Guthrie* (1912 - 1967)
music: *Lisa Gutkin* (*The Klezmatics*)
choral arrangement: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

Well I'm gonna get through this world
The best I can, if I can
And I'm gonna get through this world
And I think I can.

Well I'm gonna work in this world
The best I can, if I can

And I'm gonna work in this world
And I think I can

Well I'm gonna walk in this world
The best I can, if I can...
And I'm gonna talk in this world
The best I can, if I can
And I think I can.

Well, I'm gonna clean up this world
The best I can, if I can...
I'm gonna leave this world behind
The best I can, if I can
And I think I can.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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 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 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Scare Away the Dark *Michael David Rosenberg* (b. 1984)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Well sing, sing at the top of your voice

Love without fear in your heart

Feel, feel like you still have a choice

If we all light up we can scare away the dark

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine

1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*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

'Cause your people are my people

Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

In dir ist Freude *J.S. Bach* (1685 - 1750)

Kelly Lenahan, organ

Today in Family Ministry

Today, after the Children's Blessing, Dave and our children will gather in the Hunnewell Chapel for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Then we will head down to the Perkins room to create more Happy Holiday cards to give to the guests of the Friday Night Supper Program. These cards will be included with the mittens, socks, and gloves donated during last Sunday's Mitten Tree Service. *Thank you!* The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure!

Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program

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 homeless and hungry.

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, *John O'Connor*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Rachel Corey*

Lead Usher, *Mike Cournoyer*

Worship Coordinator, *Ali Jablonsky*

Assistant Treasurers, *Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes*

