

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Whether you are a longtime member, a regular guest, or a first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you to this morning's service. The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys.

Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth. Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts.

Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Please drop it into the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

12/21/2008

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Phone numbers _____

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Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
 I/we have been attending ASC for _____
 I/we would like a permanent nametag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
 Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:
 Mail Phone E-mail No preference

I would like to know more about:
 Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
 Children's Religious Education Social Action
 Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)
 Other _____

Today, we honor the memory of **DAVID C. MACCAGNAC, JR.**, a beloved Arlington Street Church member who died with AIDS, 13 years ago.

Arlington Street Church member Roger Hooper writes, "During the 10 months before his death, David and I became friends. We spent untold hours talking to each other. I will be always be grateful that I had the opportunity to know David. While I helped him along the bumpy road toward his death, he helped me in ways that I cannot begin to enumerate.

I wish for all of you the experience of finding such a friend.

In honor of the conversation I had with David that lasted ten months, which has continued in many ways since his death, here are a few lines from William Carlos Williams' poem, Paterson: Book One.

We sit and talk
quietly, with long lapses of silence
and I am aware of the stream
that has no language,
coursing beneath
the quiet heaven of your eyes.

*
We sit and talk, sensing a little
the rushing impact of the giants'
violent torrent rolling over us,
a few moments.

*
And the air lying over the water
lifts the ripples,
brother to brother,
touching as the mind touches,
counter-current,
upstream brings in the fields,
hot and cold parallel but never
mingling, one that whirls
backward in the brink
and curls invisibly upward,
fills the hollow, whirling
an accompaniment - but apart,
observant of the distress,
sweeps down or up
clearing the spray -

Brings in the rumors of separate
worlds...

*
David, *¡presente!*

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ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST, 2008

Lessons and Carols: A Celebration of
Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Solstice, and Christmas

Happy Solstice!

We are member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association • We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in public affairs • The right of all to participate in and to contribute to the spiritual heritage of our church • To share, draw from and add to the spiritual wealth of the world • Direct experience of that which Transcends mystery and wonder, affirming that all那人有灵魂 • An openmindedness which challenges us to confront powers and structures of this world which threaten life • Words and wisdom from the world's religions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life • J inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life. 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Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Solstice, and Christmas

Happy Solstice!

PRELUDE

Star Carol
Children Go Where I Send Thee
Joe Della Penna, piano

John Rutter (b. 1945)
Traditional Spiritual

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy to the World

text: *Isaac Watts*
music: *G. F. Handel* (1685 – 1757),
arr. *Lowell Mason* (1792 – 1872)

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

Kindling of the Kinara

CANTICLE

Who Would Imagine A King
Erick DuPree, soloist

Hilton-Hill
with additional text by *E. DuPree*

CHALICE LIGHTING

Our flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

***CAROL** (see insert) *Johnny Marks*
Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer
After the carol, the children are invited to go to their classes with Erick Dupree. All children are welcome.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY *John Markham O'Connor*

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles 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, and clicking on "Worship."

We Pray *text: Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page*
music: Nick Page (b. 1952)
Ariana Valdes, soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT (see insert)

ANTHEM (see insert for text)

Carol of the Bells

Mykola D. Leonatovych (1877 – 1921)
arr. *Peter J. Wilhousky* (1902 – 1978)

LESSON: SOLSTICE

excerpts from *Imagine the Angels of Bread*

Susan Thomas
Martin Espada

KINDLING OF THE SOLSTICE CANDLE

***CAROL 235**

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

LESSON: CHRISTMAS

The Gift of Baby Jesus

Dan Kane

KINDLING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CAROL 233

Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella
Verse 1 - soloist
Verses 2 and 3 - Congregation
Ariana Valdes, alto

LESSON: A WINTER CELEBRATION

A Legacy of Song

Mark David Buckles

KINDLING OF THE WINTER CANDLE

***SONG** (see insert)

Jingle Bells

James Lord Pierpont

LESSON: CHANUKAH

The Broken Menorah

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

KINDLING THE MENORAH

***HYMN 223**

Rock of Ages, Let Our Song
Introduction - Choir
Verse 1 - Congregation
Verse 2 - Soloist
Verse 3 - Congregation
J. Jacob Krause, baritone

trad. arr. *Mark David Buckles*

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

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Rodger Vine, piano

African-American
Christmas Spiritual
Arr. *Mark Leslie Hayes*

***HYMN 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

from *Christmas Oratorio*, in *For The Time Being*

W. H. Auden

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Wish You a Merry Christmas trad. 16th cent. English Carol

We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)

and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas (Carol Medley)

Rodger Vine, organ

arr. *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)

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

Today's service is a holiday gift of love
from members of the Arlington Street Church staff.

Our new Advent Wreath is a gift
from Corey Spence, our administrative assistant,
who is a member of
the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Episcopal,
Bowdoin Street. Boston.
Thank you, Corey!

Polly Latham and Micky Randazza gave the beautiful poinsettias,
and Martin Anderson brought the wreaths for the Great Doors
and arranged the greenery in the flower boxes on the front steps.
Thank you Polly, Mickey, and Martin!

...and Service is Our Gift

Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer, Assistant Treasurers
Lois Hartsough, Lead Worship Coordinator
Art Nava, Lead Greeter
John Markham O'Connor, Candles Coordinator
Ellen Spencer, Lead Usher