



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

Advent II: Peace

PRELUDE

Lake Louise *Yuhki Kuramoto* (b. 1951)

Songs without Words Op. 19, No. 4 *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809–1847)

He Is Our Peace *Kandela Groves*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Senior Minister

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her), Affiliated Community Minister

INTROIT

Psallite, Unigenito (Singt und klingt) *Michael Praetorius* (1571–1621)

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Some Days are a Door *Jan Richardson*

Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH: PEACE Rev. Ali Jablonsky

***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)

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

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 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 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 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* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)
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

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at ASCBoston.org.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

AFFIRMATION & 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 164**

The Peace Not Past Our Understanding text: *John Holmes* (1904–1952)
tune: *Alfred Morton Smith* (1879–1971)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

The peace not past our understanding falls
Like light upon the soft white tablecloth
At winter supper warm between four walls
A thing too simple to be tried as truth

Not scholar's calm, nor gift of church or state
Nor everlasting date of death's release
But careless noon, the houses lighted late
Harvest and holiday: the people's peace

Days into years, the doorways worn at sill
Years into lives, the plans for long increase
Come true at last with thanks for G-d's good will
These are the things we mean by saying, "Peace"
These are the things we mean by saying, "Peace"

READING

Before the Angels Appeared *Rev. Bob Janis-Dillon*

SERMON

The People's Peace *Rev. Parisa Parsa*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Deep Peace text: *Traditional Gaelic Blessing*
music: *Bill Douglas* (b. 1944), arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Deep Peace of the running wave to you
Deep Peace of the flowing air to you
Deep Peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep Peace of the shining stars to you
Deep Peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep Peace to you

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

It's up to us to support the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformative generosity.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. We encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

SHARE THE PLATE: BETHEL TABERNACLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

This week's Share the Plate partner is **Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church's annual holiday party**. For about 20 years, Arlington Street Church had a relationship with Bethel. We now support Bethel's neighborhood holiday party by supplying gloves and gift cards for the parents who bring their kids to the party. Bethel and other churches that participate supply each child who attends the party with an age-appropriate gift and a meal is provided for each family to take home. Through our support of Bethel's holiday party, ASC is able to support children and parents in Dorchester. Thanks for contributing to this effort.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the amount you want to give and the word **SHARE** (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509.

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Big Love, Small Moments *JJ Heller* (b. 1980)
Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Heartbeats only happen one at a time, one at a time
You can't rush a moment so don't even try, don't even try
There's a symphony you're missing
If you only listen, you'll find

Chorus

Big magic in the mundane
The big picture in a small frame
Everything is sacred when you take time to notice
Big love happens in the small moments
Big love happens in the small moments

There's no use in chasing nickels and dimes, nickels and dimes
Riches all around you, open your eyes, open your eyes
You can't buy the peace you're after so don't even try
'Cause you'll find

Chorus

Feel the rain on your skin, feel my hand in your hand
You can't do it all, so just do what you can

Feel the sun on your face
Bare feet on the ground
I know you'll see beautiful things if you look around
Just look around, and you'll find

Chorus

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 388

Dona Nobis Pacem text: *Traditional Latin*
("Grant Us Peace") music: *Traditional Canon*

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

Peace Like a River *Marvin V. Frey* (1918–1992)
Hyunju Jung, piano



** Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G-d's name.*

Flowers on the High Pulpit

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love.

You can have flowers delivered or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space). Please email office@ASCBoston.org to claim your date! *Thank you!*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

12:30 pm ~ Rodger Clinton Vine Christmas Piano Concert (Chapel)

1:00 pm ~ Community Carol Sing (Chapel)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Room (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga Class (Zoom)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny (Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit ASCBoston.org.

Parking at Arlington Street Church

Discount parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a discount coupon from an usher. Also, metered parking is free in the city on Sundays.

Arlington Street Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street's elected, governing board. "The Pru" is joined by Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Liz Teixeira (Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Alan Kemp, Chair	Rachel Corey	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair	Hala Hazar	Bob Sessions

The leadership welcomes your questions and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org.

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