

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

*ADVENT 3 ~ JOY*

## PRELUDE

Thema und Zwei Variationen ..... W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)  
Molly Wood, piano

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

\*Hymn 241, In the Bleak Midwinter  
Mark David Buckles, guitar & vocals; Joanna Lubkin, vocals

**CHALICE LIGHTING** ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie  
Hymn to the Nameless One ..... *Dorothy Walters*

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Joy ..... *Catie Scudera, Intern Minister*

## \*HYMN 235

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

**STORIES IN THE SANCTUARY** ..... Laura Evonne Steinman  
The (Urban) Mitten Tree ..... *Candace Christiansen*  
adapted: *Laura Evonne Steinman*

## DECORATING THE MITTEN TREE

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree ..... *Johnny Marks (1909-1985)*  
Molly Wood, piano

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

Go in joy,— go in peace to meet the day! With  
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,  
we will love you on your way.

*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 G major. The Drone staff has a single note (G) with a fermata. The Melody staff has a sequence of notes: G (quarter), A (quarter), B (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter), G (quarter), A (quarter), B (quarter), C (quarter), D (quarter), E (quarter), F (quarter), G (quarter). There is a triplet of notes (A, B, C) over the 10th, 11th, and 12th measures. The lyrics 'We pray' are written under the first two measures, and 'We' is written under the last measure.

## 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 55

Dark of Winter

## SERMON

Turning Toward the Light ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

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

## 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

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella ..... *Trad.*, arr. *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)  
Julie Gregorio, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

**\*HYMN 118**

This Little Light of Mine

**\*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.

**POSTLUDE**

Caroling, Caroling ..... *Ovid Young* (b. 1970)  
Molly Wood, piano

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

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**TODAY in CRE**

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**Children's Religious Education (CRE)**

Today is mitten tree Sunday and we'll make fleece scarves and write notes for our guests in the Friday Night Supper Program.

The youth group will meet after the service to make their holiday decorations for the Friday Night Supper guests.