



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 2025

HONORING CHANUKKAH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: JOY

PRELUDE

Lights *Yohei Shibata*

Sundial Dreams *Kevin Kern (b. 1958)*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister
kel alford (she/her), Worship Coordinator

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.

*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)*

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 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

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

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 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

CHALICE LIGHTING & KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY
kel alford

KINDLING OF THE CHANUKIAH *Traditional Hebrew Text*
translation: *Rev. Joanna Lubkin*

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

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'kiymanu v'higyanu 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 music: *German Synagogue Melody*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
text: *Leopold Stein* (1810–1882)
translation: *Marcus Jastrow* (1829–1903) & *Gustav Gottheil* (1827–1903), alt.

Jon Dendy (he/him), baritone

Maoz tzur y'shuati l'cha naeh l'shabeach
Tikon beit t'filati v'sham todah n'zabeach
L'eit takhin matbeach mitzar hamnabeach
Az egmor b'shir mizmor chanukat hamizbeach

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

Kindling new the holy lamps, priests, unbowed by suffering
Purified the nation's shrine, brought to G-d their offering
And in lands surrounding hear the joy abounding
Happy throngs singing songs with a mighty sounding

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
Which shall see nations free, tyrants disappearing

READING

Chanukkah *Rev. Lynne Ungar*

ANTHEM

Rejoice, O Judah & Hallelujah, Amen music: *G. F. Handel* (1685–1759)
from *Judas Maccabaeus* text: *Thomas Morell* (1703–1784)
Jon Dendy (he/him), baritone

Rejoice, O Judah, and, in songs divine
With cherubim and seraphim harmonious join!

SERMON

The Stuff of Miracles *Rev. Parisa Parsa*

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)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), sopralto

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved, and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

*Please come forward to light a candle at any time at the table to the right of the podium.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.
To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle.*

To reach a member of the Pastoral Care team, please email Care@ASCBoston.org.

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

It's up to us to finance 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
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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

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**. Arlington Street Church supports 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

O Lovely Peace music: *G. F. Handel* (1685–1759)
from *Judas Maccabaeus* text: *Thomas Morell* (1703–1784)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), sopralto

O lovely peace, with plenty crown'd
Come, spread thy blessings all around
Let fleecy flocks the hills adorn
And valleys smile with wavy corn
Let the shrill trumpet cease, nor other sound
But nature's songsters wake the cheerful morn

*HYMN

Olam chesed yibaneh עולם חסד יבנה *Rabbi Menachem Creditor* (b. 1975)
The World is Built with Lovingkindness

Olam chesed yibaneh

I will build this world from love... yai dai dai
And you must build this world from love... yai dai dai
And if we build this world from love... yai dai dai
Then G-d will build this world from love... yai dai dai

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

Maoz Tzur *German Synagogue Melody*
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.*

 **Arlington Street Staff Directory**

Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her) • Transitional Minister (SeniorMinister@ASCBoston.org)
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 **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.

Kelly Anne Weaver, Chair	Bill Briggs	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Dawn Bellamo	Hala Hazar	Darrell Waters

**We welcome your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org**



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

1:00 pm ~ Community Carol Sing (Chapel)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

6:30 pm ~ Carol Sing with Sanctuary Boston (Parish Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

12:00 pm ~ Holiday Potluck (Chapel)

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

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