

November Share the Plate: Only a Child

Only a Child, founded in Guatemala City in 1994 by Arlington Street member George Leger, maintains a shelter and carpentry shop and insures an education for street kids.

The shelter, housing up to a dozen guys at a time, is far more than a place to sleep; it provides a surrogate family in which the youth are taught responsibility and accountability and develop confidence and self-esteem.

All of them work, many in the on-site shop, where they learn carpentry skills and produce finely crafted cedar boxes they sell to support the program.

They also go to school. In a bid to maximize the kids' chances to leave the streets once and for all, we sponsor their tuition at high-quality independent schools and at university.

Thank you for your generosity!

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2017

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

Email _____

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 name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- How did you hear about Arlington Street?

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone Email No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
- Social Action Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education (Zen Center, The Wednesdays Literary Salon, Kundlini Yoga, Intersectional Book Group. etc.)
- Young Adult Group Other _____

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Al Ingram (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice-chair) / Joe Alen Dan Brotman / Lois Hartsough / Eve Lauria Deb Pontes / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows is closed for the winter and will open again in the spring of 2018. More information is available at www.asctiffany.org.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*
Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*
Beth Robbins,
Interim Director of Family Ministry
Erica Rose Long,
Interim Assistant Director of Family Ministry
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

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Dr. Arthur Judge,
Hospital Chaplain, retired
Rev. Clyde Grubbs,
Spiritual Director
Rev. Fred Small,
Minister for Climate Justice
Rev. Joanna Lubkin,
Chaplain, Wellesley College
Rev. Vera O'Brien,
Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Intern Minister

Liz Weber,
UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*
Xuan He, *Organist and Pianist*
Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Katie Elledge, *Soprano*
Katherine Maysek, *Alto*
Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*
Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*
Brad Nobles, *Sexton*
Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

All staff members may be reached through the church office

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinators, *Patrick Cooleybeck with Lucy Humphrey*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Jenn Britt*
Lead Usher, *Shana Rudinsky*
Worship Coordinator, *John O'Connor with Ali Jablonsky*
Assistant Treasurer, *Paul Babbitt*



**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

8 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2017

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

Piano Sonata, K.310. II. Andante Cantabile

W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

Xuan He, piano

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 68

Come, Ye Thankful People

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

No Longer Forward nor Behind

text: *John Greenleaf Whittier* (1807 - 1892)

music: *English Folk Melody*

Julie Metcalf, viola

No longer forward nor behind I look in hope or fear;
But, grateful, take the good I find, the best of now and here.
I break my pilgrim staff, I lay aside the toiling oar;
The angel sought so far away I welcome at my door.

For all the jarring notes of life seem blending in a psalm,
And all the angles of its strife slow rounding into calm.
And so the shadows fall apart, and so the west winds play;
And all the windows of my heart I open to the day.

*GREETINGS

*HYMN 1010

We Give Thanks

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)

text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*

music arranged: *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.

*SONG

Only Thankfulness *Zohar Tobi* (b. 1985)

I was born with all I needed
Came to this world complete and whole
Though I would journey long just to see it
Those three letters of my soul
Like the sea in late November
My steady waves have seen the storm
But further down I just might remember
That slow peaceful way back home

Chorus

*When the years are all behind me,
And my time has passed me by
Only thankfulness will find me,
I'll be grateful by and by*

I've had dreams and I've had visions
Some came true by grace or chance
I've known the sweetness of good fortune
And I've seen it all slip through my hands

Chorus

You've felt the fire of my fury
You've known my demons and my doubts
But you see through my fear and worry
Like the sun behind the clouds

Chorus

SERMON

Grateful Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

How lovely are the messengers text: *Romans 10:15,10:18*
music: *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809 - 1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

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

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

Where Beauty Dwells *Sergei Rachmaninoff* (1873 - 1943)
arranged: *Earl Wild* (1915 - 2010)

Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 67

We Sing Now Together

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (sung twice; please join in!)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.*

POSTLUDE

Nun Danket Alle Gott *Sigfrid Karg-Elert* (1877 - 1933)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

For today's intergenerational worship, children and youth are invited to sit with their families or join Beth in the balcony to enjoy the service with sermon bingo, coloring, and some of our favorite stuffed animal friends. Kids will head up to the balcony as we sing We Give Thanks and return during our closing hymn, We Sing Now Together.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.