

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2012

PRELUDE

Adagio cantabile, from *Sonata in C minor, Op. 13*

Molly Wood, piano

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

INTROIT

The Third Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Jon Price, tenor; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

We believe in acceptance of one another and
encouragement of spiritual growth. Amen.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please join us!)*

*Hymn 112, Do You Hear?

CHALICE LIGHTING Laura Evonne Steinman

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.

*During the Children's Blessing, all children are
always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!*

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 1015

I Know I Can

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 our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and 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; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

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 124**

Be That Guide Whom Love Sustains

SERMON

Nevertheless, I Am Willing Joanna Lubkin

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Road Not Taken music: *Randall Thompson* (1889-1984)
 text: *Robert Frost* (1874-1963)

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveler, long I stood
 And looked down one as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
 Though as for that the passing there
 Had worn them really about the same.

And both that morning equally lay
 In leaves no step had trodden black.
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
 I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference.

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

Etude in E Major Op.8, No.5 *Alexander Scriabin* (1872-1915)
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

*HYMN

I am Willing *Holly Near* (b. 1949)
arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

*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

Trumpet Voluntary in B-flat Major *John Stanley* (1712-1786)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.
Hymns numbered 1000 and higher appear in the teal hymnal,
"Singing the Journey."*

TODAY – March 18th, 2012

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, we are back in the Perkins Room working on our neighborhood! We'll add details and really think about what it means to be a community.

Coming of Age youth are assisting in the worship service today!
A big thanks to them.

P.S. The labyrinth is still up in the Clarke Room. Take a few minutes for a meditative walk before or after the service.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

The Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie is away this week.
Rev. Kim will be back in the pulpit next Sunday!