

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2012

Happy Spring!

PRELUDE

Drei Airs Allemannes (*Three German Airs*)

Molly Wood, piano

Johann Peter Pixis (1788-1874)

INTROIT

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

Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano

We believe in a free and responsible search
for truth and meaning. Amen.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*please join us!*)

*Hymn 348, Guide My Feet

CHALICE LIGHTING

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

Covenant Renewal Shane McBride

*HYMN 1064

Blue Boat Home

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

The image shows musical notation for the song 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Drone' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Melody'. Both staves are in 3/4 time and have a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The Drone staff contains a series of quarter notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The Melody staff contains a series of notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The lyrics 'We pray' are written below the Drone staff, and 'We' is written below the Melody staff. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the Melody staff.

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.

*HYMN 1020

Woyaya

SERMON

Are We There Yet? Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Give Thanks to the Lord text: verses from *Psalms 136*
music: *Theodore Morrison* (b. 1938)

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

Stars, from *Les Miserables* Music: *Claude-Michel Schoenberg*
text: *Herbert Kretzmer and Alain Boublil*

J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Molly Wood, piano

***HYMN 205**

Amazing Grace!

***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

Les Cloches *Nicolas Lebegue (1631-1702)*
Molly Wood, 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 25th, 2012

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Laura is in the Berkshires this weekend running the children's program at Nehirim's Queer Jewish women's retreat. She will be back next Sunday April 1st!

Today we are excited to have Lena and Deb Pontes, a mom and daughter team, who will guide us through some movement and yoga to inspire our creativity as we work on our buildings! Sidia will also be helping out.

Note: Next Sunday, there is a CRE committee meeting open to all at 9:30 AM in the Perkins Room and a Freedom Seder after the service. If you would like information about either, please contact Laura at les@ascboston.org.