

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 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

Madre de la Tierra

Still Life

Where the Tall Tree Grows *David Lanz* (b. 1950)

Linli Wang, piano

INTROIT

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

*We believe in the interdependent web of all existence
of which we are a part. Amen.*

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The words of Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Choctaw

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

*HYMN

Bright Morning Star *Traditional Appalachian*

new verses: *Fred Small* (b. 1952)

GREETINGS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)

from *A Very Cellular Song* arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time_ sun shine up - on_ you,
All_____ love sur - round you, And the pure_____
light with - in_ you guide_____ your way
on, guide_____ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to join
the Children's Religious Education (CRE) program!*

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.

*HYMN

Tree of Life *Guy Carawan (1927 - 2015) and Luci Murphy*

SERMON

Praise Be the Flood Rev. Fred Small

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Earth Song text and music: *Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)*

Sing, Be, Live, See...
This dark stormy hour,
The wind, it stirs.
The scorched earth
cries out in vain.

O war and power,
You blind and blur.
The torn heart
cries out in pain.

But music and singing
Have been my refuge,
And music and singing
Shall be my light.

A light of song
Shining strong: Alleluia!
Through darkness, and pain and strife, I'll
Sing, Be, Live, See...

**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

El Flautista Alegre *Ramon Noble (1925 - 1999)*

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

The Tide is Rising *Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman (b. 1982)*
and *Yotam Schachter (b. 1985)*

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

The words of Fyodor Dostoyevsky

*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, and with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE

Theme and Variations from Homage to Frescobaldi

Jean Langlais (1907 - 1991)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

*Rev. Kim, Beth, and Mark David are off this Sunday. They will
be back next week looking forward to seeing you then.*

Children's Programming

This Sunday, all CRE participants are invited on a field trip to the Public Garden and the Boston Common! Carol will be doing grave stone rubbings, and Jules will be talking about the trees in bloom.

Next weekend, CRE is going off the grid camping! Please talk to Laura Evonne if UU would like to join in!

The Children's Religious Education (CRE) program begins each Sunday in the sanctuary. After the opening hymn, children and youth are sung out to gather downstairs for age-appropriate CRE groups. Each group begins with a ritual of sharing sorrows and joys before their lesson. They will rejoin the larger community in the sanctuary to end the service together.

Next to the Hunnewell Chapel, there is a nursery for restless babies and their caregivers. This space offers a rocking chair, changing table with supplies, and a live audio feed of the service. For more information about children's programming at Arlington Street Church, please contact Laura Evonne Steinman, Director of CRE, at LES@ASCBoston.org.

May Share the Plate

Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old who grew up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, "I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in government. However, if things don't change, I'll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail." Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence. That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

That was 1993. The next year, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chery, honored her son's dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims. This morning, and throughout May, fifty percent of our gifts in the collection plate will be shared with the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Patrick Cooleybeck*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Jenn Britt*

Lead Usher, *Ellen Spencer*

Worship Coordinator, *Art Nava*

Assistant Treasurers, *Paul Babbitt & Ellen Spencer*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!