

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

#FIREDUP4ASC

COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY

*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

The Firedance ..... *David Lanz* (b. 1950)

Fiamme ..... *Roberto Cacciapaglia* (b. 1953)

Linli Wang, piano

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith*

COVENANT RENEWAL: #FiredUp4ASC ..... *Tina Rose*

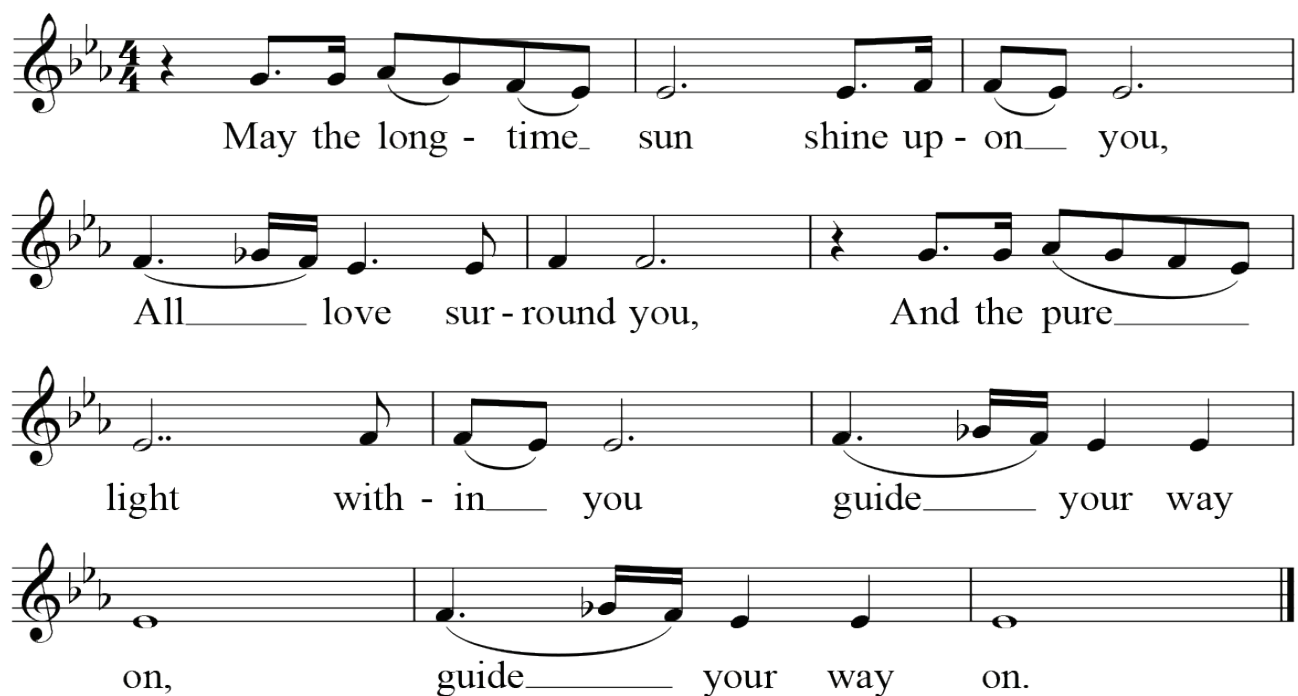
## \*HYMN

Set a Fire ..... *Will Reagan*

Set a fire down in my soul  
That I can't contain and I can't control  
I want more of you, love  
I want more of you, love  
  
There's no place I would rather be  
There's no place I would rather be  
There's no place I would rather be  
Than here in your love, here in your love!

## 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 program!*

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

## 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 1028

The Fire of Commitment

## SERMON

So Chocolate Bar ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Pass on the Light ..... text: *Jan Elicker (b. 1955)*

music: *Clif Hardin (b. 1955)*

See one tiny spark, still, small, and bright  
And hands cupped around to shield its light  
A single flame, born of desire,  
Faces turned towards its glow.

Pass on the light, pass on the light,  
Within these walls, steady and strong  
Pass on the light, pass on the light,  
From night to dawn, carry it on

The circle of light grows as it's passed  
From young hands to old and back again,  
Sharing youth's wonder, wisdom of age,  
Spreading love as it goes.

Pass on the light, pass on the light,  
Within these walls, steady and strong  
Pass on the light, pass on the light,  
From hand to hand, carry it on

And still it shines on, year unto year,  
From one tiny spark to beacon clear.  
Each generation lighting our way,  
Forward bright through the night

Pass on the light, pass on the light,  
Within these walls, steady and strong  
Pass on the light, pass on the light,  
From heart to heart, carry it on.

## PROCESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

Ring of Fire

*June Carter Cash (1929 - 2003) and Merle Kilgore (1934 - 2005)*

Zoë Onion, trumpet; Jair Olivares, trombone

## COVENANT RENEWAL

When the Saints Go Marching In ..... *American Gospel Hymn*

Isfahan .... *Billy Strayhorn (1915 - 1967) and Duke Ellington (1899 - 1974)*

Zoë Onion, trumpet; Jair Olivares, trombone

## 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

Kindling: Small Reflections on a Limitless Faith

*Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)*

### VI. Where Belief Begins

It comes down to this, in the end.

And in the beginning and middle as well:

Earth, generous and visceral,

Manifested in mountains and hidden within clouds,

Familiar to rhizomes and young knees.

Air and Water, faithful channels of change,

Whose currents and cycles nudge germination

All the way through to rot and back again.

What's more, there's Fire, dazzling and improbable,

Not only in the cores of planets and stars

But also in the hollow where belief begins.

### Epilogue

Our search for kindling takes us far beyond ourselves –

There we gather Truth and Mystery.

We return in joy to tend the chalice of our hearts.

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### FANFARE: THE ARK RETURNS

#### \*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine

#### \*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, and with God's humble care.*

**POSTLUDE**

Light My Fire ..... *The Doors*  
Linli Wang, organ

**Children's Programming**

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.

Pre-K	Spirit Play	UU Super Heroes	Coming of Age (CoA)	Youth Group
(2-5yrs)	(K-2nd grade)	(3rd-5th grade)	(6th-8th grade)	(8th-12th grade)
Hunnewell Chapel	Perkins Room	Carol Smith Room	Parish Hall / Kitchen	Sanctuary
Watch Todd Parr read The Peace Book with Allie	Mother's Day Walk for Peace posters with Nancy	Learn about Honduran environmental activist Bertha Caceres with Peter	Food as a Spiritual Practice with Vickie	Participate in the Covenant Renewal service

**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.

Please join us in Roxbury next Sunday morning, behind the Arlington Street banner to walk in the 21st annual Mothers' Day Walk for Peace, sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.