



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2008

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • justice, equity and compassion in human relations • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning • The right of conscience

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The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. The living tradition which we share draws from many sources including mystery and wonder, affirming faith, hope, and the renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life • Words and deeds of prophetic people which inspire us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom from the world's religious and spiritual traditions which inspire our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • Buddhist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatry, superstition, and self-interest • Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Whether you are a longtime member, a regular guest, or a first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you to this morning's service. The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys.

Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth. Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts.

Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

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

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Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

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 nametag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail
- Phone
- E-mail
- No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC
- Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)
- Other _____
- Choir/Music
- Social Action

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PRELUDE

Prelude and Fantasie

Michelle Alexander
J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Second Principle
Teresa Tam, soprano

Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

We believe in justice, equity, and compassion in all relations. Amen.

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

COVENANT RENEWAL: *WHY I GIVE*

Part of a series in advance of Covenant Sunday, April 6.

John O'Connor

CHALICE LIGHTING

Our flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

Tori Bell

***HYMN 187**

It Sounds Along the Ages

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW

You are invited to share your joys and sorrows with the congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles 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, and clicking on "Worship."

Rob Cuddi

HYMN 123 (seated)

Spirit of Life

Carolyn McDade,

Spanish trans. *Rev. Lilia Cuervo* and *Ervin Barrios*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arráigame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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 299**

Make Channels for the Streams of Love
Returning our Guest at Your Table Boxes

RESPONSIVE READING 640

The Beatitudes

SERMON

The Jesus Scandal

Dan Kane

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Thula baba, thula sana

trad. Xhosa lullaby

ed. F. T. van Vugt/ Mark David Buckles

dedicated to Anna Ward Martin and family, in love and gratitude

Thula baba thula sana.
Thu'u bab'uzo fika eku seni;
kukh'in kanyezi ziholel' u baba,
zimkhan yisela indlel'e ziyekhaya
so be sikhona xa bonke beshoyo,
bethi buyela ubuye lekhaya.
Thula baba thula sana.

*Keep quiet my child. Keep quiet my baby.
Be quiet, daddy will be home by dawn
There's a star that will brighten
his way home
The hills and stones
are still the same, my love.
My life has changed,
yes my life has changed
The children grow
but you don't know, my love
Keep quiet my child, keep quiet my baby.*

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

Vesennije vody Op. 14, No. 11 *Sergei Rachmaninov* (1873-1943)
(Spring is coming)

Natalie Miller, soprano

Jeshchjo v poljakh belejet sneg,	<i>There are still spots of snow in the fields,</i>
A vody uzh vesnoj shumjat,	<i>but the waters already are murmuring of spring.</i>
Begut i budjat sonnyj breg,	<i>They rush along, rousing the sleepy shore,</i>
Begut i bleshchut, i glasjat.	<i>glistening and proclaiming.</i>
Oni glasjat vo vse koncyy:	<i>They proclaim for all to hear:</i>
“Vesna idet! Vesna idet!”	<i>“Spring is coming! Spring is coming!”</i>
My molodoj vesny goney,	<i>We are youthful Spring’s messengers.</i>
Ona nas vyslala vperjod.	<i>She sent us on ahead.</i>
“Vesna idet, Vesna idet!”	<i>“Spring is coming! Spring is coming!”</i>
I tikhikh, teplykh majskikh dnejj	<i>And after her will come</i>
Rumjanyj, svetlyj khorovod	<i>the bright and rosy Round-dance</i>
Tolpitsja veselo za nej.	<i>of long, quiet, warm May days.</i>

*HYMN 276

O Young and Fearless Prophet

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Blessings of Love
text: Sufi Chant

Larry Philips
arr. *Mark David Buckles*

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Cornet Voluntary *Sterling Goodwin* (18th c.)

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

...and Service is Our Gift

Tori Bell, Prudential Committee Member
Rob Cuddi, Candles Coordinor
Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer, Assistant Treasurers
John O’ Connor, Arlington Street Church Member
Michael Orzech, Associate Worship Coordinator
Todd Rinehard, Lead Worship Coordinator
Ellen Spencer, Head Usher

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“The living tradition we share draws from many sources including Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.”

This is the fourth of the six sources of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles of our free faith, please see the *Our Faith* brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

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

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

Children’s Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children’s Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

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.

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.”

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of ASC. The members are: Sherene Aram, Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Charlene Galarneau, Elizabeth Lindholm, David McClain, Steven Procopio (Co-Chair), Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe (Co-Chair). Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Sarah Richards (vice-moderator), D. Richard Pooler (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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