

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!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

"We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

This is the seventh of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please turn a few pages into our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

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 Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero, Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (Co-Chair), Mickey Randazza, Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Mary Ann Hardenbergh (vice-moderator), Karl Paulnack (Council Chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2008

Blessing of the Animals

The Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi

We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations • Acceptance of ourselves and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large • A commitment to peace, liberty, and justice for all • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the self and the world • Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of oppression, poverty, and other forms of domination • Formation of a community with power, wisdom, and compassion which inspires us to work for justice and peace in our world • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • All of us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the insights of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit • 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.

**WE COVENANT TO
AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:
Respect for the
interdependent web
of all existence of
which we are a part.**

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. 10/5/2008

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

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PRELUDE

Partita IV in D major, BWV 828 *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)
Allemande
Sarabande
Menuet
Joe DiMarino, piano

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Come *Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)
Molly Wood, piano; Matt Meyer, percussion

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

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

*HYMN 207

Earth was Given as a Garden

COMMUNITY CANDLES

Desmond Ravenstone

OF SORROW AND JOY

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.”

Welcome to the Blessing of the Animals!

Please take a blue blessing ribbon for your animal companion(s) and tie it onto their collar, leash, or crate.

How can I Keep from Singing Words: Early Quaker song
Music: American gospel tune
Teresa Tam, soprano; Ariana Valdes, soprano;
J. Jacob Krause, baritone

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

How Sweet It Is *Holland–Dozier–Holland*
(To Be Loved by You)
performed by the likes of Marvin Gaye, James Taylor. . .
and Mark David Buckles

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

The Tiger shall Lie Down with the Piglets

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

For I will consider my Cat Jeoffry *Benjamin Britten* (1913-1976)
from *Rejoice in the Lamb*
Teresa Tam, soprano; Joe DiMarino, organ
For I will consider my Cat Jeoffry.
For he is the servant of the Living God duly and daily serving him.
For at the first glance of the glory of God in the East
he worships in his way.
For is this done by wreathing his body seven times round
with elegant quickness.
For he knows that God is his Saviour.
For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest.
For God has blessed him in the variety of his movements.
For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty,
from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Animal Promenade
Cagliostro Waltzes, Op. 370 *Johann Strauss Jr.* (1825 – 1899)
Molly Wood, piano
The Blessing

ANTHEM

The Rainforest Song *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)
J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Ariana Valdes, soprano;
Teresa Tam, soprano;
Molly Wood, piano; Matt Meyer, percussion

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

Improvisation
Matt Meyer, percussion

*HYMN 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join in)

When You Walk From Here *text: Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *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.

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Improvisation
Matt Meyer, djembe

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

...and Service is Our Gift

Danny Fournier, Head Greeter
John Markham O’Connor, Lead Worship Coordinator
Desmond Ravenstone, Candles Coordinator
Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurers