

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – MARCH 18, 2018

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

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

Email _____

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 name tag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- How did you hear about Arlington Street?

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone Email No preference

I would like to know more about:

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

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *John O'Connor (Julia Simon)*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Jenn Britt*
Lead Usher, *Shana Rudinsky*
Worship Coordinator, *Art Nava*
Assistant Treasurer, *Paul Babbitt*

Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Al Ingram (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice-chair) / Joe Alen Dan Brotman / Lois Hartsough / Eve Lauria Deb Pontes / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

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.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows is now open. Tours are offered Monday through Saturday through October. More information is available at www.asctiffany.org.

ALLELUIA!

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

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."

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*

Beth Robbins

Interim Director of Family Ministry

Erica Rose Long

*Interim Assistant Director of Family Ministry
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital*

Community Ministers

Dr. Arthur Judge

Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Clyde Grubbs

Spiritual Director

Rev. Fred Small

Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Joanna Lubkin

Chaplain, Wellesley College

Rev. Vera O'Brien

Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Intern Ministers

Ali Jablonsky

Massachusetts General Hospital

Karlene Griffiths Sekou

Black Lives Matter, Boston

Liz Weber

UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*

Daniel Padgett, *Collaborative Pianist*

Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Katie Elledge, *Soprano*

Katherine Maysek, *Alto*

Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

John Moorman, *Bass*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*

Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*

Brad Nobles, *Sexton*

Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

All staff members may be reached through the church office



**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2018

8 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2018

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys 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 end of greetings.

PRELUDE

The Robin's Nest *Paddy Fahey* (b. 1926)
The Frost is All Over *Traditional Irish Tune*
The First Day in Spring *Tommy Peoples* (b. 1948)
Spring is Come *Gian Marco Pietrasanta*
Julie Metcalf, fiddle
Mark David Buckles, guitar

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Follow the Heron *Karine Polwart* (b. 1970)
Julie Metcalf, violin and voice
Mark David Buckles, piano and voice
The back of the winter is broken
And light lingers long by the door
The seeds of the summer have spoken
In gowans that bloom on the shore
*By night and day we'll sport and we'll play
And delight as the dawn dances over the bay
Sleep blows the breath of the morning away
And we follow the heron home*
In darkness we cradled our sorrow
And stoked all our fires with fear
These bones that lie empty and hollow
Are ready for gladness to cheer
Long may you sing of the salmon
And the snow-scented sound of your home
While the north wind delivers its sermon
Of ice and salt water and stone

GREETINGS

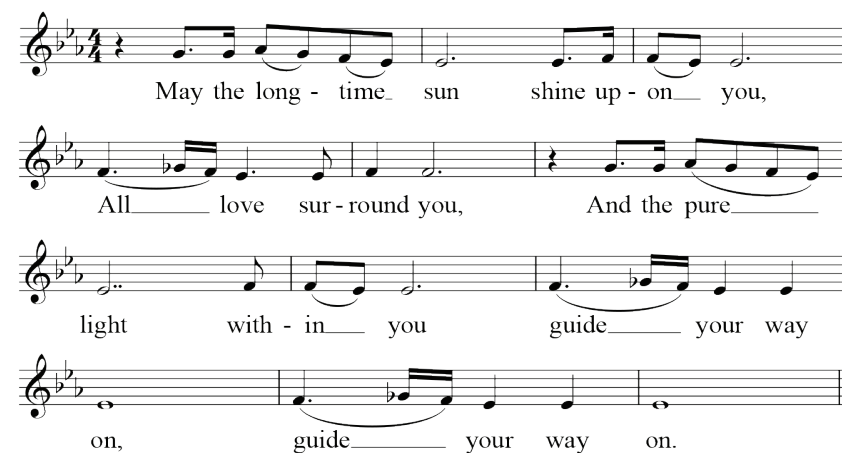
*HYMN 330

The Arching Sky of Morning Glows

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

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!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *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.
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*HYMN 77

Seek Not Afar for Beauty
to the tune of *Hymn 164 The Peace Not Past Our Understanding*

SERMON

Embracing Extravagance
Beth Robbins, Interim Director of Family Ministry

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Scare Away the Dark *Michael David Rosenberg* (b. 1984)

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 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

Vals til Mor og Far *Rune Barslund* (b. 1988)

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 21

For the Beauty of the Earth

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (sung twice; please join in!)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.*

POSTLUDE

Here Comes the Sun *George Harrison* (1943 - 2001)
Mark David Buckles, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Children and youth are invited to join Erica in the Perkins Room to share joys and concerns and explore the extravagance and beauty we find in our world.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

March Share the Plate: Rise Against Hunger

For the fifth year in a row, we are teaming up with Rise Against Hunger to advance their powerful mission of eradicating world hunger by 2030!

On the afternoon of April 8th, we are transforming the Parish Hall into an all-ages assembly line. In just a few hours, we will package rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins into an astonishing 20,088 meals. To be successful, this event requires our participation in packing the meals as well as a significant financial investment. Please give generously to ensure that we can meet our goal of sending love and nourishment to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Thank you for your generosity!