

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2012

Covenant Renewal Sunday!

PRELUDE

Themes from *Sheherazade* *Nikolay Rimsky-Dorsakov (1844-1908)*

Molly Wood, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*please join us!*)

***Hymn 1000**, Morning Has Come

CHALICE LIGHTING Rebecca Froom

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*

music: *Bart Bradfield*

Go in joy,— go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

*During the Children's Blessing, all children are
always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!*

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

One Member's Journey: Covenant Renewal Barbara Seidl

***HYMN 30**

Over My Head

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 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, by clicking on "Worship."

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
 text: *African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page*
 Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

The image shows a musical score for 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Drone' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Melody'. Both staves are in 3/4 time and have a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The Drone staff has a long note with the lyrics 'We pray' and 'We' underneath. The Melody staff has a triplet of eighth notes.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Verses 1 & 2: Congregation

Verse 3: Soloists

Verse 3: Congregation

SERMON

Try Religion! Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

It Takes a Village music: *Joan Szymko*
 text: *West African saying*, adapted: *Joan Szymko*

It takes a whole village to raise our children.

It takes a whole village to raise one child.

We all every one must share the burden.

We all every one will share the joy

PROCESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

COVENANT RENEWAL

RECESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

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

Prelude from *Suite, Op. 10* *Julius Chaloff* (1892-1979)
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

ENCORE: THE ARK RETURNS

The announcement of today's Covenant Renewal pledge total!

***HYMN 116**

I'm On My Way

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (*sung twice; please join us!*)

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

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare-Rondeau *Jean-Joseph Mouret* (1682-1738)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.
Hymns numbered 1000 and higher appear in the teal hymnal,
"Singing the Journey."*

TODAY in CRE

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, we get ready for a visit from our families and Arlington Street Church friends after the worship service is over. They are coming to see the neighborhood we are building!