

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 2016

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.

PRELUDE

What a Wonderful World

Bob Thiele (1922 - 1996) and George David Weiss (1921 - 2010)

What the World Needs Now Is Love *Burt Bacharach (b. 1928)*

From a Distance *Julie Gold (b. 1956)*

Nicholas Place, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

In memory of David Kato Kisule Jim Tice and John Wambere

INTROIT

Love is My Religion *Ziggy Marley (b. 1968)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

GREETINGS

***HYMN**

Love to Guide Our Way text: *Matt Meyer (b. 1982)*

music: *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*

There's a truth beyond our knowledge.

There's compassion beyond our pain.

There's a spirit burning brighter.

There's a love to guide our way.

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

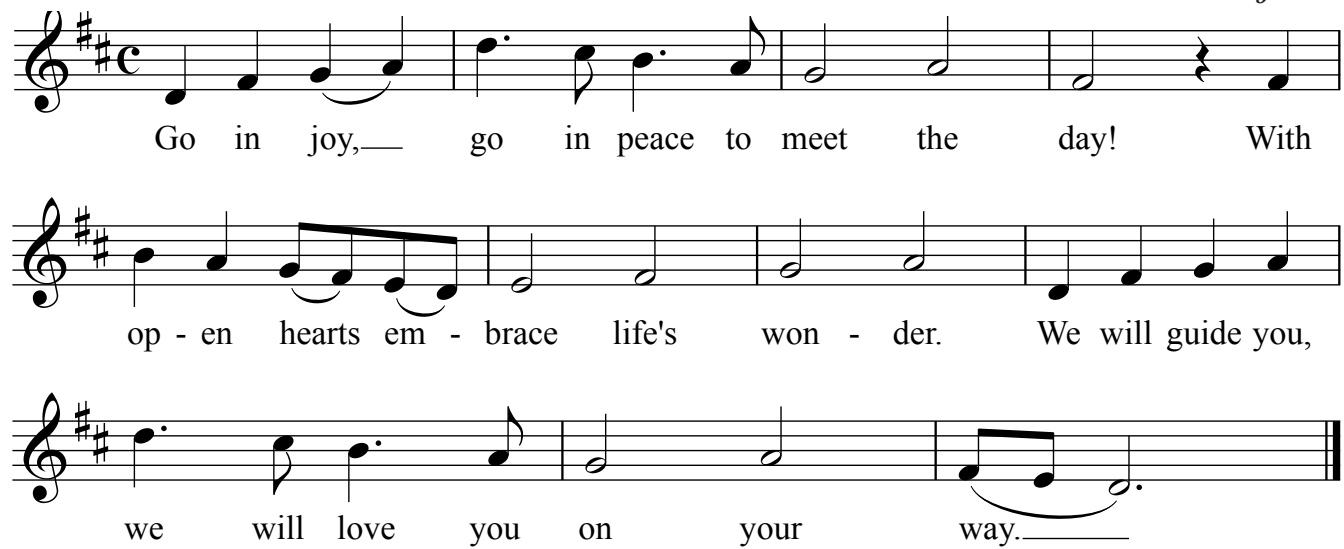
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Than here in your love, here in your love!

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.

*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)*
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

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	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 1014

Standing on the Side of Love arr. *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

SERMON

Love Is My Religion Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Go Out music: *Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)*
text: *Alfred S. Cole (1893 - 1977)*
text is popularly attributed to *John Murray (1741 - 1815)*

Go out into the highways and by-ways
And give the people something of your new vision.
You may possess only a small light, but uncover it and let it shine.
Use it to bring more understanding to the hearts and minds of men.

Give them not Hell, but hope and courage.
Do not push them deeper into their despair,
But preach the kindness and the everlasting love of God.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY Kate Birney

In preparation for Covenant Renewal Sunday on May 15th, we will be featuring a series of members sharing their stories of this beloved spiritual community and why they #Leap4ASC. Thank you for your generosity both in the offering this week and as you consider your pledge for the upcoming church year.

OFFERTORY

Summer of Loving *Roy Zimmerman* (b. 1957)
Roy Zimmerman, guitar and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 95**

There is More Love music arranged: *Mark David Buckles*
additional lyrics: *Rev. Allison Palm*

***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

Improvisation
Matt Meyer, percussion

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! There is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs.

Happy May Day! Children and youth are celebrating springtime with traditional May Day activities and by writing cards (designed by Mothers Out Front) asking Governor Baker and Speaker DeLeo to support renewable energy.

- Pre-schoolers: meet Alli and Taan in the Chapel
- Kindergarten - 2nd graders: Spirit Play Group ~ meet Jessica and Lale in the Perkins Room
- 3rd graders and up: meet Peter and Erica in the Carol Smith Room

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

May 1st Share the Plate

Today's Share the Plate will support two local organizations doing great work on the ground in Kenya with refugee relief, particularly for people who are LGBT*IQ.

RefugePoint, based in Cambridge, is an agency that stresses developing economic sustainability among refugee populations. It has had staff on the ground in Nairobi working with the LGBT*IQ refugee population there since August 2015. Funds are desperately needed to expand programs on small business development, safe housing for refugees, and sustainability. To our knowledge, no other aid agency has programming on the ground to help this vulnerable refugee population.

Spectrum Uganda Initiatives, which works with issues of HIV and health in Uganda, has maintained close contacts with many refugees in Nairobi. It is working with them to develop programs to assist with developing workable grassroots-led strategies for economic sustainability. John Wambere, who has lived in the United States since 2014, is a co-founder of Spectrum Uganda Initiatives. He maintains close contact with refugees living in both the camps and in Nairobi.

