

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2012

Flower Communion & Coming of Age Celebration

PRELUDE AND FLOWER GATHERING

Vivaldi's Four Seasons, *Spring* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Molly Wood, piano

Flower Ritual Contributions

Please leave the flowers you brought for today's Flower Communion at the Great Doors. Thank you.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (please join us!)

*Hymn 38, Morning Has Broken

Molly Wood, conductor

CHALICE LIGHTING

Reading 418, Come into the Circle of Love and Justice

Lena Pontes, Anna Cooleybeck, Jack DiSilvio

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GATHERING OF THE FLOWERS Laura Evonne Steinman

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; Julie Gregorio, soprano

The image shows musical notation for the song 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves: 'Drone' and 'Melody'. Both staves are in 3/4 time and G minor. The Drone staff has a simple melody with notes G, B, D, G, B, D, G, B, D, G. The Melody staff has a more complex melody with notes G, B, D, G, B, D, G, B, D, G, with a triplet of eighth notes (G, B, D) in the fourth measure. The lyrics 'We pray' are written below the Drone staff, and 'We' is written below the Melody staff.

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 188**

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

POEM

Change Anna Cooleybeck

HOMILY

Parachuting Into Each Other's Lives Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Lean on Me Lena Pontes

COMING OF AGE (COA) CEREMONY Liz Weber

Responsive reading with the congregation:

Advisors: As your mentors through your Coming of Age process, we commend you, Anna, Jack, and Lena, for your dedication to your faith and your community. You have explored your spirituality, your beliefs, and your commitment to building a more just world. You have each grown immensely this year, and you have also grown together. You are no longer children; you are ready to claim your place as youth at Arlington Street Church. Do you confirm that you are ready to come of age?

Youth: Yes! Now we as youth join in the wider life of the congregation, and take up the responsibility of living in spiritual community.

Parents: With joy and pride, we affirm your coming of age. May you continue to grow into yourselves, to enjoy and serve the world around you, and to make your spiritual home here at Arlington Street Church.

Congregation: We welcome you into our beloved community. We pledge you our support and our love. We promise to listen to you, share with you, and walk together on our spiritual journeys.

All: Congratulations! Amen.

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

Salmo 150 *Ernani Aquiar* (b. 1950)

Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus: onis spiritus laudet Dominum.

Laudate Dominum in firmamento

virtutis ejus.

Praise the Lord in his sacred places,

Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus:

praise him in the firmament of his

Laudate eum secundum

power.

multitudinem magnitudinis

Praise him for his mighty acts,

ejus.

praise him according to his excellent

greatness.

Laudate eum in sono tubae:

Laudate eum in psalterio et

cithara.

Praise him with the sound of the

trumpet,

Laudate eum in tympano et

praise him with the psaltery and

choro:

the harp.

Laudate eum in chordis et

Praise him with the drum and the

organo.

dance,

Laudate eum in cymbalis

praise him with strings and pipes.

benesonantibus:

Praise him with high-sounding

Laudate eum in cymbalis

cymbals,

jubilationis:

praise him with cymbals of joy.

FLOWER COMMUNION Rev. Rebecca Froom

Dôme épais, le jasmin (The Flower Duet), from *Lakmé*

Léo Delibes (1836-1891)

Julie Gregorio, soprano; Glorizy Arroyo, mezzo-soprano

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Reading 680, Because of Those Who Came Before, We Are

Lena Pontes, Anna Cooleybeck, Jack DiSilvio

*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

Vivaldi's Four Seasons, *Summer* *Antonio Vivaldi* (1678-1741)

Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY in CRE

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, we will all remain in the Sanctuary to enjoy the Coming of Age ceremony! If your child gets restless, feel free to make your way to the nursery, where the service is piped in. Go through the red doors to the right of the pulpit into the chapel, and the nursery is off the small hallway just outside the chapel.