



**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2011

PRELUDE

Selections from *La Boheme* *Giacomo Puccini* (1858-1924)
Michael Sakir, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everything Must Change *Benard Ighner* (b. 1945)
vocals: Oleta Adams

CHALICE LIGHTING

May This Flame *Bets Wienecke*

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

READING

In Blackwater Woods *Mary Oliver*

***HYMN 391**

Voice Still and Small

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."

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the
stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in
the sea;

Move in the hand, giving
life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings
set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me,
come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.

*Y al corazón,
cántale tu compasión.*

*Sopla al volar,
sube en la mar;*

*Hasta moldear
la justicia de la vida*

*Arráigame,
libérame,*

*Fuente de Amor, ven a mí,
ven a mí.*

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 114

Forward through the Ages

SERMON

Graceful Exits Sarah C. Richards

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

Everything Must Change (reprise) Benard Ighner (b. 1945)
vocals: Oleta Adams

RESPONSIVE READING Rev. Max A. Coots

When love is felt or fear is known,
When holidays and holy days and such times come,
When anniversaries arrive by calendar or consciousness,
*When seasons come, as seasons do, old and known, but somehow
new,*
When lives are born or people die,
When something sacred's sensed in soil or sky,
Mark the time.
Respond with thought or prayer or smile or grief,
Let nothing living slip between the fingers of the mind,
For all of these are holy things we will not, cannot, find again.

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Selections from *Carmen* Georges Bizet (1838-1875)
Michael Sakir, piano

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