

SUNDAY, JULY 5^{TH} , 2009

Everyone is encouraged to hum or sing along during the prelude, offertory and postlude!

PRELUDE

A Medley of Favorite Songs

George Gershwin (1898–1937)

S'Wonderful They Can't Take That Away From Me Nice Work if You Can Get It Love is Here to Stay

Molly Wood, piano

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 207

Earth Was Given as a Garden

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Lois Hartsough

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, and clicking on "Worship."

*HYMN 21 For the Beauty of the Earth

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación of this congregation, Y el servicio es nuestro regalo. And service is our gift. 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. Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros. And to help one another.

*HYMN 271

SERMON

Come Down, O Love Divine

Desmond Ravenstone

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

The Forest of the Soul

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OFFERTORY

Prelude II Molly Wood, piano

*Hymn 163

For the Earth Forever Turning

***Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice**

POSTLUDE

Rhapsody in Blue

Molly Wood, piano

Gershwin arr. by Henry Levine

Gershwin

...and Service is Our Gift Danny Fournier, Head Greeter Kevin Turrell, Assistant Treasurer Lois Hartsough, Candles Coordinator Molly Wood, Collaborative Pianist Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer Todd Rinehart, Lead Worship Coordinator



Today's Speaker

DESMOND RAVENSTONE How do you envision the soul? Several traditions say that each of us have many parts to our essential selves, including a primal self — like a dark forest at the edge of a village. How do we explore this "forest" as part of our spiritual journey, and what can be gained from it? Desmond Ravenstone has been a member of ASC for over two years, serving on the Worship Committee and as coordinator of the Sacred Eros group, as well as other efforts. He writes on the intersection of sexuality and spirituality, especially on his blog "Ravenstone's Reflections."

Next Week's Speaker

MICHAEL ORZECH Sermon: "Hope." Michael is a member of the ASC Worship and Parish Concerns Committees. He has been a member of ASC for 3 ¹/₂ years, a place he calls his spiritual home. He is a photographer with interests in political events, obscure ethnic music, art, and cooking.

Building Renovations

Over the course of the summer months there will be a number of building improvements made that will disrupt and displace some activities in the building.

If you have specific concerns about meeting spaces, etc., please contact the church office.

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!