

Today

Coffee Hour

Parish Hall, immediately following the worship service

Let's gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community! Proceeds from Sandwich Board sales support church program income. Let's build community over coffee, soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group (ages 18 – 35) meets after the Sunday service for lunch in the Stage Right Room. You can purchase food from the Sandwich Board during Coffee Hour, or bring your own food. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Religious Education

Erick DuPree, religious educator, welcomes all children to church school. Church School is held downstairs in the Perkins Room and all are welcome.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH
"We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."

This is the sixth of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please see the Our Faith brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children's Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS
FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero (vice chair), Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (chair), Karl Paulnack, Bob Sessions, and Mickey Randazza. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Rob Cotta (vice moderator), Mark MacDonnell (treasurer), Mark Watanabe (council chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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NB: To reach any staff member by phone, dial 617-536-7050. When prompted, enter *8 and then their extension.

At Your Service...

- * If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

... any usher will be happy to help!

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**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2009

ON ENDING AND BEGINNING AGAIN IN LOVE

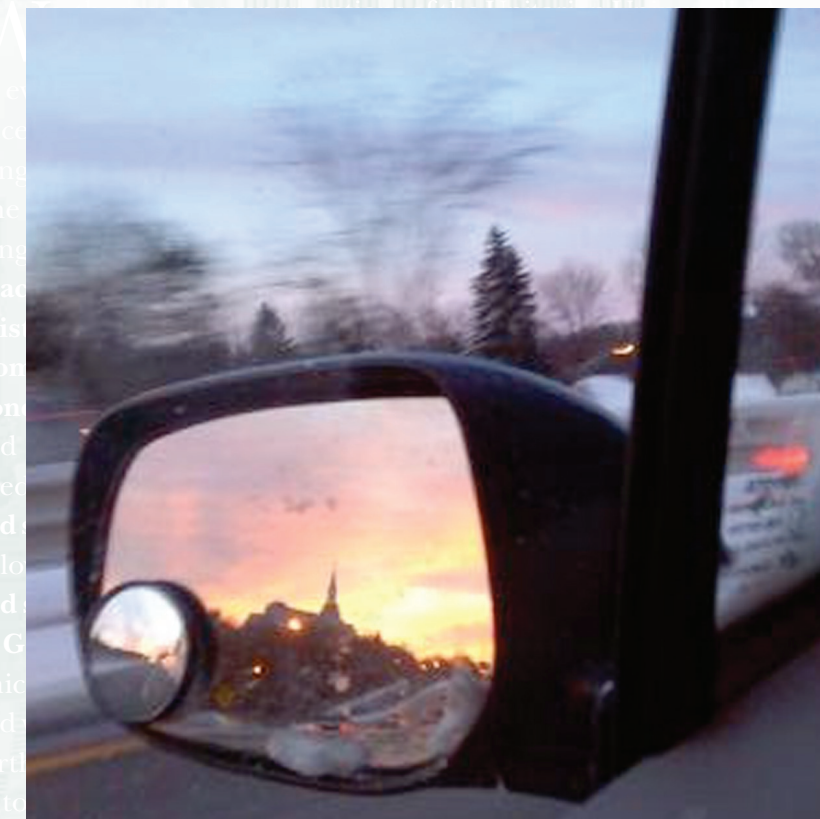


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Winter Solstice Sunrise 2009

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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Boston, Massachusetts

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PRELUDE

Nocturne in E-flat Major *Frederic Chopin (1810 – 1849)*
Op.9, No.2
Nocturne in G Minor
Op.37, No.1
Andi Dhimitri, piano

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

***HYMN 331**

Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES: KWANZAA

Erick Dupree, Religious Educator

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Go In Joy *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.

The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick DuPree. All children are welcome!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Desmond Ravenstone

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.”

Spirit Of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.	Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.	Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;	Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.	Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;	Arráigame, libérame,
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.	Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this congregation,	El amor es el espíritu 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 73**

Chant for the Seasons, verse two “Winter”

SERMON

Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek

On Ending and Beginning Again in Love

CHANT

Let It Begin Now

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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

“Siciliano” *Maria Theresia von Paradis (1759 – 1824)*
Rodger Vine, organ

***HYMN**

Auld Lang Syne
(As updated for the new Millennium by Annette Rios, Edie Zuvanich, Jaime Cabrera & Steve Hostak)

Should old acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne!

REFRAIN:

For auld lang syne, my dear.
For auld lang syne.
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet
For auld lang syne.

***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.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE

Finale (Fugato and Presto) *Marcel Dupre (1886 – 1971)*
from “Variations on a Noel”
Rodger Vine, organ

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

Our Choir is off this week and will return next Sunday morning.

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

Service is Our Gift

Peter Zalewski, Lead Greeter
Desmond Ravenstone, Candles Coordinator
Rob Cuddi, Lead Worship Coordinator
Peter Lowber, Lead Usher
Mark MacDonnell, Treasurer
Nancy George, Assistant Treasurer