

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – JANUARY 1, 2017

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
- I/we have been attending ASC for _____
- I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- How did you hear about Arlington Street?

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone E-mail No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
- Social Action Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education
- Young Adult Group Other _____

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Art Nava*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Rachel Corey*
Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*
Worship Coordinator, *Art Nava*
Assistant Treasurers, *Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder*

Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

*Tina Rose (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice chair)
Dave Erbe / Lois Hartsough / Al Ingram / Eve
Lauria / Art Nava / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse
(co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)*

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education (CRE) begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available.

For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

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

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."

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*
Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*
Beth Robbins, *Intern Minister*

Community Ministers

Dr. Arthur Judge
Hospital Chaplain, retired
Rev. Clyde Grubbs
Interim Minister, Cambridge
Rev. Fred Small
Minister for Climate Justice
Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Chaplain, Wellesley College
Rev. Vera O'Brien
Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Intern Ministers

Erica Rose Long
Massachusetts General Hospital
Liz Weber
UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*
Linli Wang, *Organist and Pianist*
Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Julie Gregorio, *soprano*
Emily Jaworski, *mezzo soprano*
Daniel Rosensweig, *tenor*
Lawson Daves, *bass*

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Laura Evonne Steinman, *CRE Director and Artist in Residence*
Jaimie Dingus, *CRE Assistant*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*
Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*
Brad Nobles, *Sexton*
Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

All staff members may be reached through the church office

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ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

7 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2017

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 end of greetings.

PRELUDE

L'Organiste, Volume I, FWV 41 No. 1-6 César Franck (1822 - 1890)
Linli Wang, organ

INTROIT

Facing Forward Jake Heggie (b. 1961)
Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Let it go
Let it out of your heart
Set it free
Let it be apart, set apart
And maybe then you'll see
Maybe then it will be a little easier to let go and be free
And you want to be free, don't you?
Which way are you looking?
What are you looking for?
Go on
Be strong
There's so much to be living for and so many other people
to give to
Let it go
Let it out of your heart
Set it free and maybe then you'll see yourself

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

GREETINGS

*HYMN 290

Bring, O Past, Your Honor

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

REV. VERA O'BRIEN

Rev. Vera O'Brien is an interfaith chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital where she co-leads a team of volunteers and provides educational programming for chaplains and physicians. Rev. Vera was joyfully ordained at Arlington Street Church and is one of our affiliated community ministers. She is a proud graduate of the Unitarian Universalist seminary, Meadville Lombard Theological School.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Spirit of Life

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, 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 345

With Joy We Claim the Growing Light

RESPONSIVE READING 657

It Matters What We Believe

SERMON

Let It Go Rev. Vera O'Brien, Affiliated Community Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Let It Go Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez (b. 1975)
from *Frozen*
Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of



the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

L'Organiste, Volume I, FWV 41 César Franck (1822 - 1890)
No. 7 Offertoire

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 331

Life is the Greatest Gift of All

*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

Fuga in C Major, BuxWV 174 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)
Linli Wang, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

There is no formal children's programming today. The CRE program will resume next Sunday. Should you need it, there is a nursery/playroom available with an audio feed of the service. To reach the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

January Share the Plate: Stop Hunger Now

Stop Hunger Now gets food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people and is working to end global hunger in our lifetime. Established in 1998, they have provided over 225 million meals in 74 countries. After worship on March 26th, we will create an all-ages assembly line in the Parish Hall to package rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins into an astonishing 20,000 meals!

In addition to literally putting our bodies on the line, our goal is to raise \$5,800 to put our money in the service of the vision of Stop Hunger Now by covering the cost of our meals at 29 cents each. We will be joined by friends from neighboring faith communities for this interfaith service extravaganza. Save the date! All are welcome!