# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2011

#### **PRELUDE**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Come ...... Jason Shelton (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!

Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!

The light of hope here shines upon each face.

May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds; open hearts to welcome it among us.

The light of love here shines upon each face.

May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

### CHALICE LIGHTING

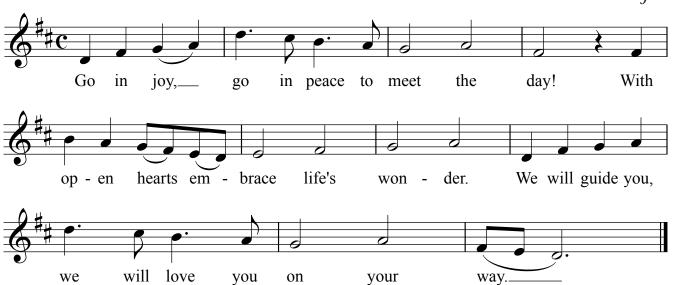
# WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

# \*Hymn 38

Morning Has Broken

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction ...... text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield



Following the Children's Blessing, all children are always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!

## 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; J. Jacob Krause, baritone



### AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit 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,
And to help one another.

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

# \*HYMN 145

As Tranquil Streams

#### **SERMON**

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### **ANTHEM**

Look to This Day ...... text: Kãlidãsa (c. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Hindu), trans. music: Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life!
The bliss of growth,
The glory of action,
The splendour of beauty.
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well-lived makes

Every yesterday a dream of happiness,

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life!
Look to this day!

### **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**

Half a World Away ...... *Berry/Buck/Mills/Stipe (R.E.M.)*Mark David Buckles, guitar

### \*Hymn 116

I'm On My Way

## \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

\*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,

When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

## **POSTLUDE**

Toreador song, from "Carmen" ...... Georges Bizet (1838-1875) Molly Wood, piano

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

# TODAY - January 9th, 2011

# **Children's Religious Education (CRE)**

January's theme in Children's Religious Education is our fourth Unitarian Universalist principle: Every person is free to search for truth and meaning in life.

In our gathering today, our older kids will explore the fourth principle through story and meditation; the younger kids will experience it in games.

### PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

### Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Philip Roberts

Candles Coordinators, Rebecca Froom

Lead Greeter, Cheryl Thieret

Lead Usher, Rob Cuddi

Worship Coordinator, Liz Weber