Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD, 2011

WELCOME, FRIENDS!

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata in C, KV 330 - Allegretto

Molly Wood, piano

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe in justice, equality, and compassion in all relations. Amen.

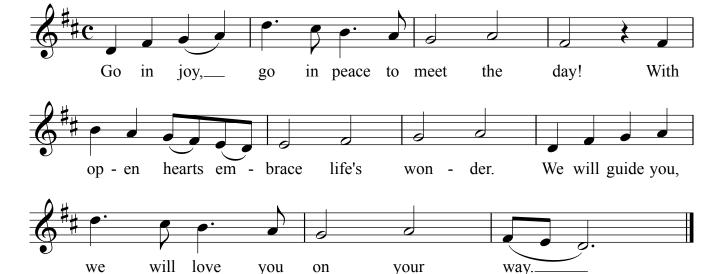
CHALICE LIGHTING Deb Pontes & Art Nava Co-Chairs, Prudential Committee (our governing board)

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

*Hymn

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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



During 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

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 410

Surprised by Joy

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Beloved Presence text: *Hafez* (1325-1389 Persia) music: *Travis D. Vaughn III* (b. 1952)

Cloak yourself in a thousand ways; still shall I know you, my Beloved.

Veil yourself with every enchantment and yet I shall feel you, Presence most dear, close and intimate.

I shall salute you in the springing of cypresses and in the sheen of lakes, the laughter of fountains.

I shall surely see you in tumbling clouds, in brightly embroidered meadows.

Oh, Beloved Presence, more beautiful than all the stars together, I trace your face in ivy that climbs, in clusters of grapes, in morning flaming the mountains, in the clear arch of sky. You gladden the whole earth and make every heart great. You are the breathing of the world.

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

Piano Sonata in C, KV 330 - Adagio Cantabile
Molly Wood, piano
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*HYMN 1021

Lean on Me

*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, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

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

TODAY - October 23rd, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Hello Friends, CRE kids, and youth! Today, we will be creating chalice art and learning more about why the flaming chalice is the symbol of our Unitarian Universalist faith!

After CRE, join folks who are headed to First Root Farm in Concord, MA for their community day filled with harvesting and creative fun. Talk to Laura Evonne Steinman, our children's religious educator, for more details.