# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Day of the Dead: El D*í*a de los Muertos A Celebration of Samhain, All Saints, and All Souls Days

IF YOU HAVE BROUGHT PHOTOGRAPHS OR MEMENTOS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PLACE THEM ON THE ALTAR BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS OR DURING THE OPENING HYMN.

#### Prelude

This is Halloween from, The Nightmare Before ChristmasMolly Wood, pianoDanny Elfman (b. 1953)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

In the Quiet and the Stillness ...... Rosalyn Kalmer

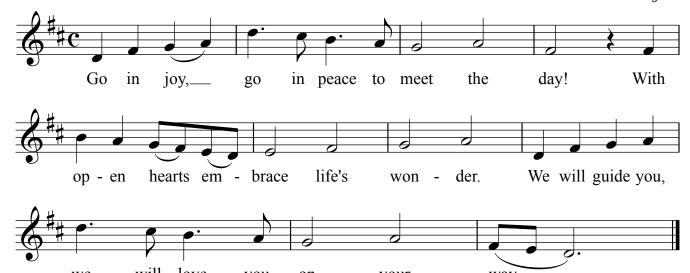
In the quiet and the stillness of the morning, In the quiet and the stillness of the day, In this quiet, holy place, I find blessed peace within, In the quiet and the stillness of the morning.

CHALICE LIGHTING ...... Laura Evonne Steinman

### Welcome

### **CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

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



we will love you on your way.\_\_\_\_

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

### PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

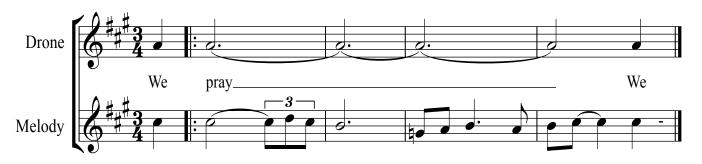
\*HYMN 348 Guide My Feet

## **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 1001

Breaths

#### SERMON

#### SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

We Remember Them ..... text: Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn (1910-95)

music: *Donald Grantham* (b. 1947)

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

- In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.
- In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

#### **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

The Choirmaster's Burial ..... text: Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Jonathan Price, tenor; Molly Wood, piano

He often would ask us That, when he died, After playing so many To their last rest, If out of us any Should here abide, And it would not task us, We would with our lutes Play over him By his grave-brim The psalm he liked best -The one whose sense suits "Mount Ephraim" -And perhaps we should seem To him, in Death's dream, Like the seraphim.

As soon as I knew That his spirit was gone I thought this his due, And spoke thereupon. "I think," said the vicar, That old-fashioned way Requires a fine day, And it seems to me It had better not be."

Hence, that afternoon, Though never knew he That his wish could not be, To get through it faster They buried the master Without any tune.

But 'twas said that, when At the dead of next night The vicar looked out, There struck on his ken Thronged roundabout, Where the frost was graying The headstoned grass, A band all in white Like the saints in church-glass, Singing and playing

"A read service quicker Than viols out-of-doors In these frosts and hoars.

#### \***Hymn 103** For All the Saints

By the choirmaster's grave.

Such the tenor man told

### **\*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

Die Hölle Rache, from The Magic Flute<br/>Molly Wood, pianoW. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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

## TODAY – October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

A big thanks to everyone who helped out last Sunday in CRE!

As we approach Halloween, All Souls and All Saints day, the veil between the living and dead becomes more thin. To honor the memories still within us, we will create shrines for family members, friends, and animals that have died.

Coming of Age youth will meet at 12:30 in the Froth to talk about the various ways people honor those who have died.

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

## **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!

Service is Our Gift Assistant Treasurers, Nancy George & Susie Nacco Candles Coordinator, Charles Dimino Lead Greeter, Reese Millican Lead Usher, Dan Moon Worship Coordinator, George Whitehouse The Fabulous Altar, Maria Elena Gonzalez & Martine Lebret Lunch, Occupy Boston (OB)