

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2016

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.

A Note on Today's Service

Our Tiffany stained glass windows were installed at the dawn of the 20th century. The windows on the first floor represent scenes from the life of Jesus. The windows in the balcony represent Jesus' most famous teachings, the opening words of the Sermon on the Mount. Although Unitarian Universalism has evolved to embrace teachings from all the great world religions, this two thousand year old text still speaks to us – perhaps, in times such as these, more than ever. This morning, Rev. Kim preaches from The Beatitudes, and the Arlington Street Church Choir sings these iconic words, set to music by Arvo Pärt. The text is printed at the bottom of the right hand panel of this order of service. Be sure to take a moment to look up into the balcony and see Louis Comfort Tiffany's stained glass renderings of the Beatitudes. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

PRELUDE

Una Mattina

Stella del Mattino *Ludovico Einaudi* (b. 1955)

Linli Wang, piano

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 68**

Come, Ye Thankful People

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The Dead Say *Judith Anderson, adapted*

Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls *Isaiah 55:1-2*

Honoring Transgender Day of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

NEW MEMBERS JOINING CEREMONY

Responsive Reading 468, We Need One Another

STORY IN THE SANCTUARY

Stone Soup adapted by Laura Evonne Steinman
with Jaimie Dingus and Children's Religious Education

***HYMN 1010**

We Give Thanks

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)
from *A Very Cellular Song* arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time_ sun shine up - on_ you,
All_____ love sur - round you, And the pure_____
light with - in_ you guide_____ your way
on, guide_____ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to join
the Children's Religious Education program!*

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

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.

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

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!

*HYMN

Break Not the Circle text: *Fred Kaan*
music: *Michael Lehr*

1. Break not the cir - cle of a - bid - ing love
2. Join then the move - ment of the love that frees,
3. Come, won - der at this love that comes to life,
5
Where peo - ple grow, for - giv - en and for - giv - ing;
Till peo - ple of what - ev - er race or na - tion
Where words of free - dom are with hu - mor spo - ken,
9
Break no that cir - cle, make it wid - er still,
Will tru - ly be them - selves, stand on their feet,
And peo - ple keep no score of wrong and guilt,
13
Till it in - cludes, em - brac - es all the liv - ing.
See eye to eye in grate - ful lib - er - a - tion.
But will that hu - man bonds re - main un - bro - ken

SERMON

Blessed Are Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Beatitudes text: *Matthew 5:3-12*
music: *Arvo Pärt* (b. 1935 Estonia) composed 1990

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
the children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you,
and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

Cinq Pièces pour Violon et Orgue (1974) *Jean Langlais* (1907 - 1991)

I. Assez Lent

III. Scherzando

Julie Metcalf, violin; Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 67

We Sing Now Together

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Isaiah 55:12, adapted

*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

Finale, from *Grande Piece Symphonique Op. 17* (1860 - 62)

César Franck (1822 - 1890)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! There is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. 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.

CRE groups start off with the sharing of sorrows and joys and then will all join in to transform the Parish Hall into a Thanksgiving dining hall!

Note: Next Sunday, Nov 27th, there is no formal CRE program.

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *John O'Connor*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Jenn Britt*

Lead Usher, *Ellen Spencer*

Worship Coordinator, *Beth Robbins*

Assistant Treasurers, *Paul Babbitt & Ellen Spencer*