

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH, 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.

PRELUDE

Violin Sonata Op. 5, No. 24 *Ludwig van Beethoven* (1770 - 1827)

II. Adagio molto espressivo ... piano arr.: *Louis Winkler* (1820 - 1886)

Bagatelle Op. 119, No. 1 and No. 11 *Beethoven* (1770 - 1827)

Linli Wang, piano

INTROIT

These Hard Times *Nathaniel Rinehart* and *William Rinehart*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Give me something brighter

Give me something I can see

Give me something vicious

Give me something I can be

Give me all the love and peace

To end these wars

Give me something sacred

Something worth fighting for

It's clear enough to me

The ugliness I see

Is evidence of what I need

Give me an answer

Give me the way out

Give me the faith

To believe in these hard times

Give me motivation

Give me all my heart's desires

Show me something gorgeous

Show me 'til my eyes get tired

Give me all the drums and

Show me how to play them loud

Show me how to move

When I can't feel that love's around

We hide like thieves in shadows

Scared of the sun

'Cause we know the light will find us

Us and all we've done

Give me the faith to believe in these hard times

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 349**

We Gather Together

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 1: HOPE

Hope Art Nava & Tina Rose

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Fuente de amor, ven hacia mí.

Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.

Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida

Arráigame, libérame,

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.

***HYMN 209**

O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls

SERMON

A Feast for the Famished Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

If You're Out There *John Legend* (b. 1978)

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.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

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

OFFERTORY

Thanksgiving *George Winston* (b. 1949)
Linli Wang, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1028

The Fire of Commitment

*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

Partita on Nun danket alle Gott *Charles E. Callahan Jr.* (b. 1951)
V. Postlude
Linli Wang, organ

*Rev. Kim, Mark David Buckles, The Arlington Street Choir,
Laura Evonne Steinman, and Jaimie Dingus are away this week
but look forward to seeing you next Sunday.*

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

There is no formal children's programming happening onsite today.

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.

Share the Plate: Hurricane Relief in Haiti

The 145 mph winds of Hurricane Matthew made a direct hit on Haiti. Almost 90% of some areas in the south have been completely destroyed. Out of the 4,000 homes in the city of Les Anglais, only 82 remain standing. There is no clean water, and almost no food. There is also a desperate need for medical intervention. The death toll is staggering and still rising.

Once again, Arlington Street is partnering with the Haitian Coalition of Somerville and EPCARE (Emergency Preparedness Engaging Community Action Resource Education; please see epecare.org). Please be generous! Thank you!