

# Welcome to Arlington Street Church

**TODAY – DECEMBER 15, 2013**

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we are visiting for the first time.  
 I/we have been attending ASC for \_\_\_\_\_  
 I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship.  
(Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)  
 How did you hear about Arlington Street?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I prefer to be contacted by:**

- Mail    Phone    E-mail    No preference

**I would like to know more about:**

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC    Choir/Music  
 Social Action    Children's Religious Education  
 Adult Religious Education & Connections (ASC's small group ministry)  
 Young Adult Group    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**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

**Service is Our Gift**

Candles Coordinator, *Liz Weber*  
Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*  
Lead Usher, *Ellen Spencer*  
Worship Coordinator, *Desmond Ravenstone*  
Assistant Treasurers, *Ellen Spencer and Carol Fisher*

**OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH**

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

**THE MEMBERS ARE:**

*Shane McBride (chair) / Harlow Robinson (vice-chair) / Christine Curtiss / Alex Frost / Greg Haig / Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon / Ellen Payzant / Thomas Simers*

**OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:**

*Samuel Gloyd and Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators) / David McClain (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)*

**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**

**FM amplification** headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available!  
Please ask an usher for assistance.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING**

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs in the Perkins Room for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available.

For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

**ALLELUIA!**

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

**PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH**

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

**Staff Directory**

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**Choir Section Leaders**

**Julie Gregorio, soprano**  
**Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano**  
**Marco A. Jordao, tenor**  
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**Children's Religious Education (CRE)**

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**NB:** To reach any staff member by phone, dial 617-536-7050. When prompted, enter \*8 and then the extension.

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**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH**  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

**ADVENT 3 ~ JOY  
HAPPY SOLSTICE!**

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM  
DRAWS FROM MANY SOURCES**

**OUR SIXTH SOURCE**

*Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature*

Arlington Street Church  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Founded in 1729

*Gathered in love and service for justice and peace*

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

## PRELUDE

The Well Tempered Clavier Book 2 ..... *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)  
Prelude and Fugue in F min, BWV 881  
Prelude and Fugue in A min, BWV 889  
Nick Place, piano

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

In celebration of the life of Herb Gleason  
*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Better Days ..... *Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow*  
arr: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
Rachel Kelly, violin; Mark David Buckles, guitar & vocals

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH ~ ADVENT 3

Joy ..... *Catie Scudera*  
*On the four Sundays before Christmas, we light a candle on the  
Advent wreath in recognition of the eternal cycle of the seasons,  
and in honor of the birth of prophets old and new.*

## \*HYMN 241

In the Bleak Midwinter

## STORIES IN THE SANCTUARY ..... Laura Evonne Steinman

The (Urban) Mitten Tree (Carol Fisher playing herself)  
author: *Candace Christiansen*; adapted: *Laura Evonne Steinman*

## DECORATING THE MITTEN TREE

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree ..... *Johnny Marks* (1909-1985)  
Nick Place, piano

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day! With  
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,  
we will love you on your way.

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

## 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 words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to 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; Julie Gregorio, soprano

Drone  
Melody  
We pray We

## AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

|                              |                                     |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Love is the spirit           | El amor es el espíritu              |
| of this congregation,        | 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, | Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,  |
| And to help one another.     | Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.   |

## \*HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

## SERMON

The Fruitful Darkness ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Cybele Laments ..... music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
text: *François Mauriac* (1885-1970); translation: *Roger Hooper*  
*Commissioned for the Arlington Street Church Choir,  
in memory of David Clarence McCammack Jr.,  
and for all of the lost but not forgotten*  
from "Plaintes de Cybèle" from *Le Sang d'Atys*

A line of sand, the dune's upswelling rise,  
A lip of foam and seaweed fringe: the sea...  
The soft traces of lashes on your brown eyes  
And by your vacant brow, the thick dark trees:  
So like your eyes whose fire lights your face,  
Stars in my night whose twin flames burn in space  
Blaze on another world when you're asleep.

## 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

Gesu Bambino ..... *Pietro Yon* (1886-1943)  
Julie Gregorio, soprano; Nick Place, piano

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

\***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (*sung twice; please join in!*)  
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

Menuet 1 from Partita No. 1 in Bb Major, BWV 825  
Nick Place, piano *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)

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

## Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

It's Mitten Tree Sunday! We'll remain upstairs a little longer than usual so the children can add mittens, scarves, and other gifts to the Mitten Tree. Then, we'll meet in our age-based groups to make holiday decorations for the Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Supper, when the Mitten Tree gifts will be presented to the guests.

- Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> graders and Grady are making scarves.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders and Kate are making snowflakes and paper chains.
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and Vickie are making holiday signs.

If you are interested in getting involved with CRE, please email Erica at [elong@ascboston.org](mailto:elong@ascboston.org).

We thank David Schumann and Jimmy from Lotus Designs  
for the beautiful songbird Christmas wreath  
on the pulpit!