

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2015

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

PRELUDE

L'Isle joyeuse (The Joyful Island) *Claude Debussy* (1862 - 1918)
Nicholas Place, piano

INTROIT

Shalom Rav (Abundant Peace) text: *Traditional Jewish Prayer*
music: *Ben Steinberg* (b. 1930)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING *Lisa Kirk*

In A World Filled With Darkness *Douglas John Traversa*
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

***GREETINGS**

***HYMN 347**

Gather the Spirit

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."

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.

RESPONSIVE READING 637

Litany of Atonement

***HYMN 318**

We Would Be One

SERMON Rev. Vera O'Brien, Affiliated Community Minister

Peace Treaty

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Home is Where the Heart Is *Sally Fingerett* (b. 1955)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Che gelida manina, from *La Boheme*

Giacomo Puccini (1858 - 1924)

Nicholas Place, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 170**

We Are a Gentle, Angry People

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***RECESSIONAL** (*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

Etude in C# minor Op. 10, No. 4 *Frédéric Chopin* (1810 - 1849)

Nicholas Place, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Thank you for coming this morning! Our CRE program will resume next Sunday, January 3, 2016.

If you have arrived today with a baby or small child, there is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit. The room will be on your left, before the stairs.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email CRE@ASCBoston.org.