Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

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The red tulips on the pulpit this morning are given in loving memory of Joseph McAllaster by Martin R. Anderson, M. Eileen Fitzgerald, and Jonna B. Sundberg.

PRELUDE

John Lennon (1940-1980), Paul McCartney (b. 1942) George Harrison (1943-2001)

Here Comes the Sun Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da Because Lady Madonna I Will

Happy Birthday to Molly Wood, piano!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Filled with Loving Kindness music: *Ian W. Riddell* (b. 1961) text: *Traditional Buddhist Meditation*, arr: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980) adapted: *Mark W. Hayes* (b. 1953)

Shannon Rose McAuliffe, soprano Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano

May I be filled with Loving Kindness. May I be well. May you be filled with Loving Kindness. May you be well. May we be peaceful, and at ease. May we be whole.

May we be filled with Loving Kindness. May we be well. May we be filled with Loving Kindness. May we be well. May we be peaceful, and at ease. May we be whole.

CHALICE LIGHTING Laura Evonne Steinman

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 131

Love Will Guide Us

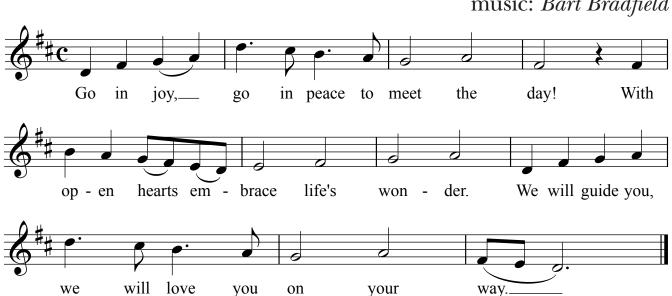
- You are like no other being.
 What you can give, no other can give
 To the future of our precious children
 To the future of the world where we live.
- 4. Share the song and share the silence; Share the shade and share the light With every friend, foe, neighbor, stranger On our journey through this life.
- 5. Love will guide us. . .

TIME FOR ALL AGES Laura Evonne Steinman

God in Hiding adapted: Margaret Silf

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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



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

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,

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 126

And to help one another.

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Concord, from Gloriana text: William Plomer (1903-1973)
music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Concord is here

Our days to bless

And this our land, our land to endue

With plenty, peace and happiness.

Concord and Time

Each needeth each:

The ripest fruit hangs where

Not one, but only two can reach.

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

Pokinem, milaja, Op. 26, No. 5 (1906), (Beloved, let us fly)

text: Arseny Golenishchev-Kutuzov (1848–1913)

music: Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

Jonathan Price, tenor

Pokinem, milaja, shumjashchij krug stolicy. Pora v rodimyj kraj, pora v lesnuju glush'!
Ty slyshish'?
nas zovjot na volju iz temnicy Vesny pobednoj shum i pen'je ptic...
K chemu-zh nam usmirjat' dushi volshebnyje poryvy?
Il' razljubila ty zheltejushchija nivy,

I roshchi svezhija,
i khmuryje leca,
Gde, pomnish',
my vdvojem zadumchivo
bluzhdali
V vechernij chas,
kogda temnejut nebesa,
I molcha brodit vzor
v tumane spjashchej dali?

Beloved, let us forsake the noisy bustling capital.
And return to the remote forests of our native land.
Do you hear spring's triumphant sound and the birdsongs summoning us to freedom from the dungeon?
Why must we suppress the magical impulses of the soul?

Or do you no longer love the yellowing cornfields, fresh groves, and the gloomy forests? Where, you remember, we wandered together lost in thought, And in the evening hours when the heavens were darkening, Your gaze roamed silently in the mist

*HYMN 1014

Standing on the Side of Love

*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

Tales from the Vienna Woods Theme

Molly Wood, piano Johann Strauss Jr. (1825-1899)

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

Hymns numbered 1000 and higher appear in the teal hymnal,

"Singing the Journey."

TODAY - February 12th, 2012

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today in CRE, we will be sharing our hands and hearts in community as we bake sweets for women and children at Renewal House! A big thanks to the lunch team for sharing their kitchen space with us this morning.

Happy Valentine's Day, and don't forget to always Occupy your heart! (www.occupyinghearts.com)

Next Sunday, we'll get back to building our neighborhood.

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, Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes Candles Coordinator, Liz Weber Lead Greeter, JP LaFond Lead Usher, Greg Haig Worship Coordinator, Arthur Judge