Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2011 HAPPY YEAR OF THE RABBIT! TO RENEWAL HOUSE WITH LOVE

Thank you for your donations to our shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence. The donations will be delivered for valentine's day!

PRELUDE

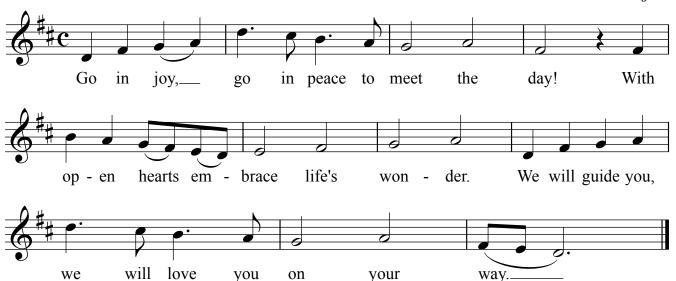
CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluya Gustav Holst (1874-1934) Molly Wood, organ

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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



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

Parish Highlights and Greetings

*HYMN 57

All Beautiful the March of Days

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 El amor es el espíritu 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 22

Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design

v. 1-2 Congregation

v. 3 Soloists

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SERMON

The Power of Vulnerability Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven music: Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949) text: Jane Griner

In my heart's sequestered chambers
Lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence
Memory summons half-heard voices,
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, Sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me grief and comfort; Love and passion, pain and pleasure. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.

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

*HYMN 100

I've Got Peace Like a River Mark David Buckles, guitar

*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

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

TODAY - February 13th, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

February's theme is our fifth Unitarian Universalist principle: Our right to vote on things that concern us!

Today in CRE, we'll vote on the colors we will use to decorate our lunar new year lanterns and on which new year treats to eat first. We will also be special guests in the service parading in as a big dragon with our faces painted like rabbits! Happy Lunar New Year of the Rabbit! After CRE, please walk with us to Chinatown to watch the New Years parade!

Temporary Nursery Area

While the church is under construction, the nursery has temporarily moved to the Hunnewell Chapel. If your baby is restless, please feel free to retreat to the chapel, right through the leather door at the front right of the sanctuary. There is a changing table, rocking chair, and the service is broadcast through a speaker; you won't miss a thing!