

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist
Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 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 beginning of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Intermezzo Op. 119, No. 2 in A Major ... *Johannes Brahms* (1833 - 1897)

Prelude in G minor Op. 23, No. 5

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 - 1943)

Nicholas Place, piano

INTROIT

The First Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano; Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every being.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 18**

What Wondrous Love arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

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

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

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 1002

Comfort Me

SERMON

Love Wins: A Sermon from the Don't Bully Pulpit

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Asking text and music: *Jason Shelton (b. 1972)*

Do you remember on the playground
Making friends and picking teams?
All that waiting to be chosen
Wondering if they truly see
The gift of every person deep inside
That there's no reason anyone should hide

Asking...

How long will this feeling last?

How far do we have to go?

How many times will we ask why?

Do you remember back in high school
Learning what and how to be?
Wanting only to be noticed
Hoping other hearts might see
The gift of every person deep inside
That there's no reason anyone should hide

And still today we find the questions never ending
Just what more evidence will we be asked to show
To prove that we belong,
That our lives are worth living?
We need to know.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. Over 300 pledging members and friends also 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

Pining for the Spring Breeze (1933) *Deng Yu-Sian* (1906 - 1944)
transcribed for piano (2004): *Stephen Hough* (b. 1961)
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1014

Standing on the Side of Love arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

*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

Fugue, from *Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain* (1942)
Maurice Durufle (1902 - 1986)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

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 will be on your left before the stairs.

- Pre-schoolers: meet Taan and Allie in the Hunnewell Chapel for the book/song "I Love You Too" by Ziggy Marley
- Kindergarten-2nd graders: *Spirit Play Group* ~ meet Nancy and Lale in the Perkins Room for a story about Kelly's Year in Space
- 3rd-6th graders: *UU Superheroes Group* ~ meet Dan in the Carol Smith Room to learn about Melissa Harris-Perry
- 7th graders and up: meet Laura Evonne in the Parish Hall

CRE invites you to come ice skating on Frog Pond after today's service. Then, come back to ASC for a hot chocolate bar and crafts!

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