

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH, 2015

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

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 1 in F minor *Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy* (1809-1847)

I. Allegro moderato e serioso

II. Adagio

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

*HYMN 108

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Julie Metcalf, fiddle; Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

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; Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Drone

Melody

We pray We

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 271

Come Down, O Love Divine

INVOCATION

Hear Me music: *Théodore Dubois* (1837-1924)

text: *Jean Horneck*

Make my eyes to see clearly.
Let my heart not cease to wonder.
Toward the light of truth, lead me.
Through my soul let courage thunder.
And my soul, be it near thee,
Learning the ways of compassion,
God of Eye and Heart, hear me.

SERMON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Seeing in the Dark

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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 Sundberg.

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine text: *Jean Racine* (1639-1699)
music: *Gabriel Fauré* (1845-1924)

Verbe égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
jour éternel de la terre
et des cieux,
de la paisible nuit
nous rompons le silence;
Divin Sauveur,
jette sur nous les yeux;

Répands sur nous le feu
de ta grâce puissante
que tout l'enfer fuie
au son de ta voix.
Dissipe le sommeil
d'une âme languissante
qui la conduit à l'oubli
de tes lois!

O Christ, sois favorable
à ce peuple fidèle
pour te bénir
maintenant rassemblé;
reçois les chants qu'il offre
à ta gloire immortelle,
et de tes dons
qu'il retourne comblé.

Word equal to the Most High,
our unique hope,
eternal day of the earth
and of the heavens,
we break the silence
of the peaceful night;
Divine savior,
cast your eyes upon us;

Spread out over us the fire
of your mighty grace
so that hell itself flees
at the sound of your voice.
Dispel the slumber
of a pining soul
which drives it to forget
your laws!

O Christ, show favor
to these faithful people
now assembled
to praise you;
receive these songs that they offer
to your immortal glory,
and these full offerings
returned to you.

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

Ave Maria *Vladimir Vavilov* (1925-1973)
attributed to *Giulio Caccini* (1551-1618)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 205

Amazing Grace arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Julie Metcalf, fiddle; Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

***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

Sonata No. 1 in F minor ... *Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy* (1809-1847)

IV. Allegro assai vivace

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

Following this morning's service, Rev. Kim looks forward to greeting you at the great doors. Mark David Buckles invites those interested to join him in listening to the postlude.

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Happy Love Sunday! Today we will be making valentines for the residents of Renewal House and for members of the Arlington Street Church community who are not always able to make it to church.

- Kindergarten-2nd graders, Nancy, and the team will be in the Perkins Room.
- 2nd-5th graders and Carol will be in the Carol Smith Room.
- 5th-8th graders and Vickie will be in the Parish Hall.

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