

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH, 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

L'Isle Joyeuse *Claude Debussy* (1862 - 1918)
Nicholas Place, piano

INTROIT

Here Comes the Sun *George Harrison* (1943 - 2001)
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

STORY IN THE SANCTUARY

Jesus said Wake Up!
Laura Evonne Steinman, Children's Religious Educator

***HYMN 298**

Wake, Now, My Senses

*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

*Arlington Street Church is proud to celebrate Palm Sunday with Eco Palms,
which are sustainably harvested and help support
the communities in which they are grown.*

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.
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***HYMN 12**

O Life That Maketh All Things New

arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

(sung to the tune of *The Water is Wide*)

SERMON

Growing a Faith Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Closer to Fine *Emily Saliers* (b. 1963)

arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY Connie Scanlon

In preparation for Covenant Renewal Sunday on May 15th, we will be featuring a series of members sharing their stories of this beloved spiritual community and why they #Leap4ASC. Thank you for your generosity, both in the offering this week, and as you consider your pledge for the upcoming church year.

OFFERTORY

To the Spring Op. 43, No. 6 *Edvard Grieg* (1843 - 1907)

Nicholas Place, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN**

Let the Life I Lead *Traditional*, 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.

<p><i>*You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.</i></p>

POSTLUDE

Imagine *John Lennon* (1940 - 1980)
Nicholas Place, piano and vocals

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 Allie in the Hunnewell Chapel for joys and sorrows and then join the Spirit Play Group to make art out of palm fronds
- Kindergarten-2nd graders: Spirit Play Group ~ meet Jessica and Lale in the Perkins Room to make art out of palm fronds
- 3rd-6th graders: UU Superheroes Group ~ meet Peter and Carol in the Carol Smith Room to explore UU understandings of Jesus
- 7th graders and up ~ share joys and sorrows in the Parish Hall and then work on the Friday Night Supper Program Mural or join the Spirit Play Group

OWL is meeting in the Perkins Room at 1:00 PM.

March Share the Plate Recipient: Only a Child

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. The recipient for March is Only a Child, which was founded in 1993 by Arlington Street member George Leger.

Only a Child serves street kids in Guatemala City with a shelter, carpentry shop, and education program. The shelter, which houses a dozen young men, is far more than a place to sleep; it provides a surrogate family to support the youth in developing responsibility, confidence, and self-esteem.

In addition to attending school, all of the residents work, many of them in the on-site shop, where they learn carpentry skills and produce finely crafted cedar boxes that are sold to support the program.

Arlington Street Church has supported the program from its inception. In a bid to maximize the kids' chances to leave the streets once and for all, we have sponsored their tuition at high-quality independent schools and at university.

*Rev. Kim is away this week but looks forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday!
Don't forget to bring your Easter baskets filled with spring foods
to be blessed in the service next week.*

