Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts SUNDAY, MARCH 25 $^{\mathrm{TH}}$, 2012

Happy Spring!

PRELUDE

Drei Airs Allemannes (*Three German Airs*)

Molly Wood, piano

Johann Peter Pixis (1788-1874)

Introit

WELCOME

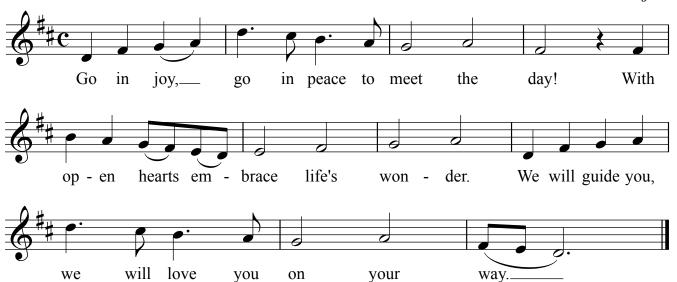
CALL TO WORSHIP (please join us!)

*Hymn 348, Guide My Feet

CHALICE LIGHTING

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!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 1064

Blue Boat Home

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,

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación

Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:

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 1020

Woyaya

SERMON

Are We There Yet? Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Give Thanks to the Lord text: verses from *Psalm 136* music: *Theodore Morrison* (b. 1938)

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 205

Amazing Grace!

*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.

Hymns numbered 1000 and higher appear in the teal hymnal,

"Singing the Journey."

TODAY – March 25th, 2012

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Laura is in the Berkshires this weekend running the children's program at Nehirim's Queer Jewish women's retreat. She will be back next Sunday April 1st!

Today we are excited to have Lena and Deb Pontes, a mom and daughter team, who will guide us through some movement and yoga to inspire our creativity as we work on our buildings! Sidia will also be helping out.

Note: Next Sunday, there is a CRE committee meeting open to all at 9:30 AM in the Perkins Room and a Freedom Seder after the service. If you would like information about either, please contact Laura at les@ascboston.org.