# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

### **PRELUDE**

New Year's Piece for 2009

**Prairie Snow** 

Occasional Music (Barack Obama at the G20 Summit)

Molly Wood, piano

Elaine Fine

#### WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING ...... Lisa Mobayed

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

### Introit

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.

#### **GREETINGS**

# \*Hymn 389

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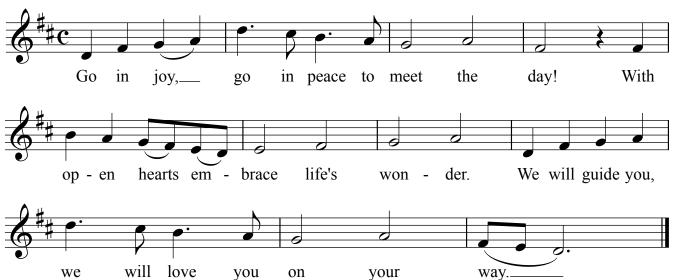
# **New Member Joining Ceremony**

Responsive Reading 468, "We Need One Another"

### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction ..... text: Barbara Pescan

music: Bart Bradfield



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; Julie Gregorio, soprano



#### 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 128

For All That Is Our Life

#### **SERMON**

Spirit, Draw Near ...... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

### SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### **ANTHEM**

Hear My Prayer ...... Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

### **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**

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit ....... *Traditional African American Spiritual* Zachary Ballard, baritone; Molly Wood, piano

### **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

# \*HYMN 354

We Laugh, We Cry

### \*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**

Etude No. 6 March of the Battle Tiger ...... Valerij Rozouvan (b. 1988) Molly Wood, piano

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

### **TODAY in CRE**

### Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, we will be outside as weather permits working in the garden on our 7<sup>th</sup> principle in action ~ We believe in the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

For the rest of the church year, please come prepared to get a little dirty outside as we plant, play games, and paint!

Note: You are invited to a CRE Committee lunchtime meeting today from 12-1:00 pm (since Indulge went late last night) in the Perkins Room. This will be a general meeting about what is coming up in CRE and about next year's budget. We will also pick a date to have a half-day CRE spring visioning retreat for the fall program! Hope you can make it!

In faith and peace for our growing program, Laura Evonne