

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist
Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2015

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

PRELUDE

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 3 in G-flat Major

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2 in A Major

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Karolina Rojahn, piano

INTROIT

Agnus Dei, from *Western Wynde Mass Christopher Tye (c. 1505-1573)*

Marywood Chamber Singers

Rick Hoffenberg, conductor

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Chalice Lighting words adapted from Kenneth Patton

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN**

Love to Guide Our Way text: *Matt Meyer (b. 1982)*

music: *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*

There's a truth beyond our knowledge;

There's compassion beyond our pain.

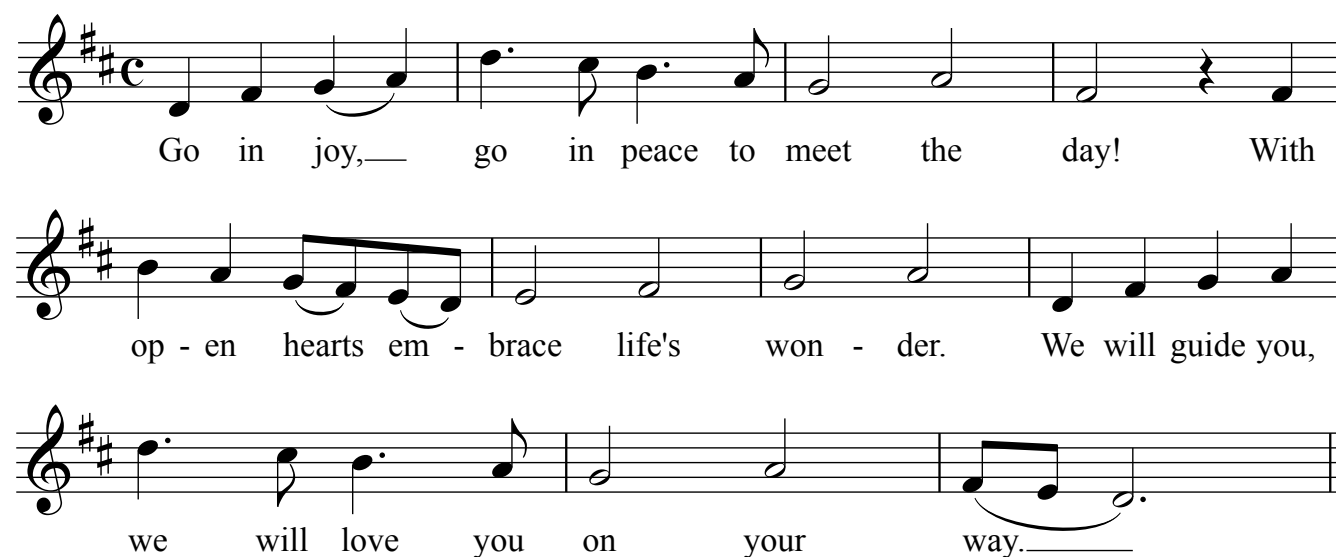
There's a spirit burning brighter;

There's a love to guide our way.

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.”

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Fuente de amor, ven hacia mí.

Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.

Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida

Arráigame, libérame,

Fuente de amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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 88

Calm Soul of All Things

CANTICLE

Ubi caritas et amor *Paul Mealor (b. 1975)*

Where charity and love are, God is there.

SERMON

Prayer for Atheists *Joanna Lubkin*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Immortal Bach *Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)*

Come, sweet death, come blessed rest!

Come lead me to peace

For I am weary of the world.

Dedicated to those who have died serving our country in our armed forces.

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

Vidi: The Visions of Hildegard *Alec Schumacker* (b. 1986)

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*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

Sheep may safely graze, from Cantata BWV 208

Karolina Rojahn, piano *J. S. Bach* (1685-1750)
arr. *Egon Petri* (1881-1962)

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

This Memorial Day Sunday, children and youth will be discussing memory. Together, we will look at our Remembrance Tree in the Parish Hall and work to create a memory board of what life has been like at Arlington Street Church this church year.

Our Director of Religious Education, Laura Evonne, is away today and will return next Sunday.

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

Rev. Kim, Laura Evonne Steinman, and the choir are away today.
They will be back next Sunday morning.
Today, we thank Joanna Lubkin for her service
and the Marywood Chamber Singers
and Karolina Rojahn for their beautiful music!