Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 8th, 2011 Happy Mother's Day!

PRELUDE

Twelve Variations on "Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman" Molly Wood, piano *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* (1756-1791)

CALL TO WORSHIP

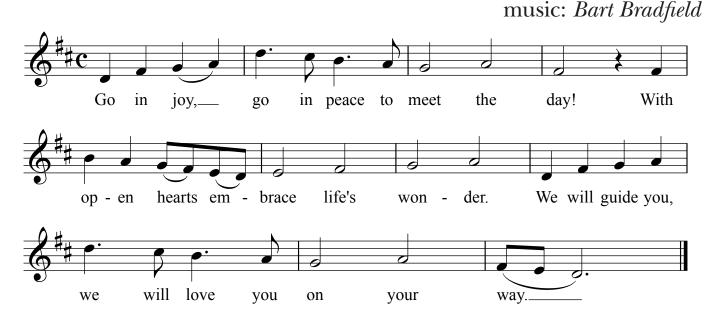
CHALICE LIGHTING

Give Thanks to She Nick Page (b. 1952)

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benedictiontext: Barbara Pescan



Following the Children's Blessing, all children are always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

Friday Night Supper Program Caroline Carwood

*HYMN 355 We Lift Our Hearts in Thanks

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 spiritEl aof this congregation,de nAnd service is our gift.Y elThis is our great covenant:EsterTo dwell together in peace,CorTo speak our truths in love,HaleAnd to help one another.Y ay

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 410

Surprised by Joy

SERMON

Surprised by Joy Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another (1896) text: *I John 4:7-8* music: *Arthur Foote* (1853-1937)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. And ev'ry one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another, for God is love.

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

Meditation, from *Six Romances Without Words* Rodger Clinton Vine, piano *Cecile Chaminade* (1857-1944)

*Нуми 368

Now Let Us Sing

***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

Finale sur "Ave Maris Stella" *Jeanne Joulain* (1920-2010) Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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

TODAY – May 8th, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Happy Mother's Day! Intern Minister Rebecca Froom, will be leading CRE today. Our Religious Educator Laura Evonne Steinman will be back next Sunday.

Today we focus on Webs as they relate to our 7th Unitarian Universalist principle: our interconnection in the web of life: Webs, Wheels, Wonder! There will be some big WEB creating with yarn and conversation about what kind of spider you would be if you were one.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Alma Antoniotti and Gail Jennes Candles Coordinators, Charles Dimino Lead Greeter, JP LaFond Lead Usher, Dan Moon Worship Coordinator, George Whitehouse