Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 9th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Our Senior Minister, Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie; our Music Director, Mark David Buckles; the choir; our Religious Educator, Laura Evonne Steinman; and our Intern Minister, Catie Scudera are all on summer break and will return for Homecoming Sunday, September 9th. Please bring a little water from your summer travels for our water communion celebration!

Welcome!

Whether a long-time member, a regular worshipper, or a first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you to this morning's service.

The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys. Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth.

Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts. Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, Ann Clarke
Worship Coordinator, Charles Dimino
Candles Coordinator, Arthur Judge
Lead Greeter, Rachel Corey
Lead Usher, Greg Haig
Assistant Treasurers, Carol Fisher and Ellen Spencer



OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE MEMBERS ARE:

Art Nava (chair) / Shane McBride (vice-chair) Christine Curtiss / Greg Haig / Richard Marshall Dan Moon / Deb Pontes / Ellen Payzant Harlow Robinson

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Samuel Gloyd & Karl Paulnack (co-moderators) David McClain (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Children's Religious Education Program is on hiatus and will resume in September.

Fussy babies and their parents are invited to the nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel, where a rocker, changing table, and supplies are available, and the service is piped in.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Discounted parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage. Coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Street parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

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SUNDAY, JULY 8TH, 2012 Welcome to Summer Services

PRELUDE

Two Part Inventions: D Minor, F Major, A Minor, Bb Major Molly Wood, piano J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hymn 1, May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

CHALICE LIGHTING

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT first written: Wallace Willis

Chorus:

Swing low, sweet chariot Coming for to carry me home Swing low, sweet chariot, Coming for to carry me home

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see

Coming for to carry me home? A band of angels coming after me Coming for to carry me home.

Chorus

Sometimes I'm up, and sometimes I'm down,

(Coming for to carry me home) But still my soul feels heavenly bound.

(Coming for to carry me home)

Chorus

If I get there before you do, (Coming for to carry me home) I'll cut a hole and pull you through. (Coming for to carry me home)

Chorus

If you get there before I do, (Coming for to carry me home) Tell all my friends I'm coming too. (Coming for to carry me home)

Chorus

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 1064

Blue Boat Home (in the teal hymnal)

SERMON

Home Ann Clarke

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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.

OFFERTORY

*HYMN 305

Des Colores

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

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



NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 8^{th} , 2012

All Are Welcome

WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING FOR WORSHIP! THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH AFFIRMS THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON. WE CELEBRATE UNITY IN DIVERSITY.

This morning, we invite you to:

- * Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
- * Join us for coffee and a light lunch in the Parish Hall;
- * Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
- * Please come back again soon!

Today's Speaker

ANN CLARKE is a life-long Unitarian Universalist who works as the Director of Spiritual Life & Outreach Programs at nearby Fisher College. Ann has been at Arlington Street Church this past year, "getting the rust off" as she prepares to return to the ministry after more than 20 years. She received her M.Div. from Andover-Newton Theological School in 1988 and her Ph.D. in Religion and Psychology from Boston University in 2004. Ann is passionate about social and environmental justice and interfaith dialogue, loves being out in nature and with her family and friends, and is an amateur poet.

Speaking on July 15th

Stories from the Tent City Vigil Barbara Seidl

BARBARA SEIDL, a reluctant and largely unwilling participant in the recent Unitarian Universalist "Justice General Assembly" in Phoenix, Arizona, returns home to Arlington Street Church with her heart cracked wide open. In this simple service of story and witness, she shares lessons of hope, change and action from Unitarian Universalists experiencing detention and deportation, and from our 2000 person candlelight vigil at the infamous Tent City immigration detention center.

Barbara Seidl is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and has been a member of Arlington Street Unitarian Universalist Church for over a decade. She is delighted to be invited back for her fifth summer in the pulpit. A former independent documentary filmmaker, Seidl currently makes her living at WGBH, Boston's public television station. She makes her home at the Lucy Stone Unitarian Universalist Housing Cooperative in Roxbury.

Summer Worship Highlights

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, a light lunch, and community!

Arlington Street Church's Summer Calendar

During summer, life at Arlington Street Church slows down and *Inside Arlington Street Church* is published in this leaner format. Until Homecoming Sunday Service on September 9th, the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, www. ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar". Jeff Bouchard, our facilities manager, keeps it current.

Membership Team Meeting

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room

Are you interested in reaching out to invite others to attend Arlington Street Church, or in welcoming those who already attend to become members? Do you have social media, advertising or community building experience? Or, perhaps you are interested in how Arlington Street Church structures and conducts its membership process? If so, please come to the meeting and learn how to get involved.

Boston New Sanctuary Movement

Thursday, July 12th ~ 7:00 PM, Parish Hall

Come to a meeting to discuss our plans for the fall, which will include the annual clergy breakfast in October.

Save the Date

Young Adult Discussion: We Affirm and Covenant

Sunday, July 15th ~ 12:45 PM, Stage Right Room

Each week we join together in reciting the Affirmation and Covenant of our congregation. As members of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we covenant to affirm and promote the Seven Principles and Six Sources of our liberal faith.

Let's spend some time with the ideas of covenant and affirmation, and those covenants we choose to enter with one another as spiritual companions. What responsibilities have we assumed? Which ones resonate with us? How important is the difference between covenant and creed?

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