



**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2015

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Tocatta and Fugue *Anonymous Italian Composer (1700s)*
Tyler Turner, organ

CHALICE LIGHTING

“There is a limit where the intellect fails and breaks down,
and this limit is where the questions concerning God, and
freewill, and immortality arise.” *Immanuel Kant*

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

***HYMN 16**

‘Tis a Gift to Be Simple

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 86**

Blessed Spirit of My Life

SERMON

Grace Has No Waiting Period *Robert Holley*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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

Improvisation on "Amazing Grace," Virginia Harmony (1831)

arr. Tyler Turner

Tyler Turner, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 30**

Over My Head

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Postludium" *Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

Tyler Turner, organ

INSIDE E

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 2015

All Are Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning for worship!

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

Robert Holley was introduced to ASC on Christmas Eve 1997 having then just moved to Boston. He attended services from time to time over the next few years, and joined to become a pledging member of ASC in 2002. Reverend Kim officiated at the 2004 marriage to his husband Harlow here at ASC, and since that time he has served on the Ministerial Intern Committee and will join the Worship Committee for the coming church year.

SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

Neighbor + Self Thomas A. Simers

Thomas A. Simers joined Arlington Street Church in January 2012. This fall, he will begin his second year in the Master of Divinity program at Andover Newton Theological School. Thomas was born on a small farm in southeastern Ohio where he was raised without religious affiliation. He discovered Unitarian Universalism in 2002 while a student at Marietta College (Marietta, Ohio).

SUMMERTIME AT ARLINGTON STREET

Every Sunday through Labor Day, a different member of the Arlington Street community will be preaching, while Rev. Kim, Mark, and Laura Evonne are away on summer break. Should you need a minister over the summer, please call the church office at 617-536-7050. The admin staff is always here for you; Jeffrey, and Brad are glad to help! Happy summer, one and all!

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 13th, the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar." Jeff Bouchard, our facilities manager, keeps it current.

SUMMER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDCARE DURING SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

The formal CRE program begins again on Sunday, September 13th. This summer, Arlington Street youth and adult volunteers will be here to care for elementary-aged children during the service. Please meet them at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins.

We ask that older children stay with their families in the service. Very young children can either stay in the service or use the nursery where the service piped in.

COFFEE HOUR

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, a light lunch, and community!

KUNDALINI YOGA CLASS

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!

JOIN THE ARLINGTON STREET CHOIR!

Every Thursday starting September 10th ~ 7:00 PM, Clarke Room

Experience the spiritual practice of communal singing! Take just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful, make friends, and add more music to your life! Musicians and non-musicians are welcome—we are a mix of professionals and amateurs. All are welcome!

JOIN THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE IN THE FALL

Join the committee and bring a social action topic that concerns you: voting rights, climate change, economic inequality, gun violence, Citizens United, homelessness, etc. The committee will support you! In September, the committee resumes meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM. For more information, contact Art Judge at socialaction@ASCBoston.org. "The service begins when the service ends."

ANIMAL ISSUES GROUP

Do you believe in kindness toward animals, yet are uneasy about the ways animals are treated in today's world? Have you considered switching to a plant based diet, but making changes seems overwhelming? Do you feel compassion for others should be as inclusive as possible? If you would like to see animal issues as part of our social action initiatives, please email the social action committee at socialaction@ASCBoston.org, and place "animal issues" in the subject line. We can discuss how to make changes in our daily lives, support the national Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry, and educate interested members of our congregation about living more mercifully, healthfully, and sustainably.

Elizabeth (Dinny) Fletcher is a lifelong animal lover, and current board member of the Boston Vegetarian Society. She also volunteers for the Massachusetts Animal Rights Coalition (MARC). Dinny would welcome any level of participation or discussion of animal issues.