

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Whether you are a longtime member, a regular guest, 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!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

"The living tradition we share draws from many sources including direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life."

This is the first of the six sources of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles of our free faith, please see the *Our Faith* brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children's Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

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.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero, Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (Co-Chair), Mickey Randazza, Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Mary Ann Hardenbergh (vice-moderator), Karl Paulnack (Council Chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2008

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Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Please drop it into the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. 12/7/2008

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

I/we are visiting for the first time.
 I/we have been attending ASC for _____
 I/we would like a permanent nametag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
 Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:
 Mail Phone E-mail No preference

I would like to know more about:
 Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
 Children's Religious Education Social Action
 Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)
 Other _____

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PRELUDE Longwood Symphony Chamber Players
Quartet No.17 *W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)*
in B-flat, K. 458, “The Hunt”
I. Allegro vivace assai
II. Menuetto and Trio
Alistair Kok, violin; Anna Leibinger, violin;
Susan Kirchhausen, viola; Jamie Schlessinger, violoncello

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Morning Has Come *Jason Shelton (b. 1972)*
Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.
Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.
Molly Wood, piano

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING Kate Landis
Our flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns
in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

***CAROL 225**
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY John Markham O’Connor
You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the
congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the
right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles 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,
and clicking on “Worship.”

We Pray text: Spiritual “Balm in Gilead” and *Nick Page*
music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
Ariana Valdes, soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

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.

***SONG**
There’s a River Flowing In My Soul

SERMON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie
Wanting What We Need—Getting Gratitude Right

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM
Laudate Dominum from *Mozart*
Vesperae solennes de confessore in C, K. 339 text: Psalm 117
Teresa Tam, soprano

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 Quartet No.17 in B-flat, K. 458, “The Hunt” *Mozart*
III. Adagio

***HYMN 247** (verses 1 and 3)
O Little Town of Bethlehem

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (sung twice; please join us!)
When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *Mark David Buckles*
When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
Walk with justice,
Walk with mercy,
And with God’s humble care.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE Quartet No.17 in B-flat, K. 458, “The Hunt” *Mozart*
IV. Allegro assai

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

...and Service is Our Gift
Kate Landis, Lead Worship Coordinator
John Markham O’Connor, Candles Coordinator
Philip Roberts, Head Usher
Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurers