



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2004
Covenant Renewal Sunday

**The living tradition
we share draws from
many sources including
wisdom from the
world's religions which
inspire us in our
ethical and spiritual life.**

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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 take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. You may drop it into the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. Sunday, March 28th, 2004

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

I am a first-time visitor.

I have been attending ASC for _____

I wish to: receive **THE WINDOW**, our quarterly newsletter.

have a permanent nametag for Sunday worship.

attend an introduction to ASC and Unitarian Universalism.

I would like to know more about:

Joining ASC

Choir/Music@ASC

Spiritual Practice

Adult Education

Children's Education

Social Action

Financial Giving

Covenant/Small Groups

Public Relations

Volunteering

Building & Grounds

Support Groups

Other _____

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist
Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2004
Covenant Renewal Sunday

PRELUDE

Prelude in B-flat
Andante

transcribed from *Trumpet Concerto*

Prelude from "Prelude and Fugue"

Rodger Vine, Organist

Clara Schumann

Franz Joseph Haydn

Maurice Duruflé

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy and Beautiful

Marguerite Shaw/R. F. Leavens

Holy and beautiful the custom which brings us together to face our ideals, and to be enlightened. Holy and beautiful the custom which brings us together to give thanks, and to be strengthened.

Through this quiet hour breathes the worship of ages. Through this quiet hour we hear beautiful music of history.

Three unseen guests attend: faith, hope, and love. Let all our hearts prepare a place.

CHALICE LIGHTING

Paul Dakin and Sherene Aram
Covenant Renewal Co-Chairs

The flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE, ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

As we kindle the tapers in the spiral candlesticks that have long been linked to the memory of Rev. William Ellery Channing, we celebrate the rich heritage of Arlington Street Church. Dr. Channing, one of the central founders of Unitarianism in this country, served as senior minister of this congregation from 1803-1842. In celebration of our 275th anniversary this year, our weekly heritage reading highlights a different episode, theme, or personality from ASC's rich and colorful history.

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.

THE DEDICATION OF IAN WRIGHT

***HYMN** Owen Plant, soloist/guitar
Redemption Song *Bob Marley*
Chorus: Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom?
Cause all I ever have: redemption songs, redemption songs.

SERMON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie
Counting our Blessings

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC TO COVENANT BY

Everyone is invited to fill out a Covenant Renewal card, pledging gifts of service and financial support for 2004-2005.

A Tent of Peace (1994) *Elaine Broad*
text based on the prayer "Haskiveinu"

Grant that we may lie down in peace.
Spread over us your heavenly tent of peace.

PROCESSIONAL OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

RENEWING OUR COVENANT

When you are ready, wherever you are seated, please walk to the rear of the sanctuary, process up the left-hand aisle to the front, place your Covenant Renewal card in the ark, and return to your pew.

RECESSIONAL OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

***HYMN 67**
We Sing Now Together

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We welcome a donation of \$10 to support the work of the congregation. Please place contributions in an envelope so they may be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

Bella sicomme un angelo

Gaetano Donizetti

from *Don Pasquale*

1797-1848

Harry Baechtel, baritone

Robert Mollicone, piano

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

trad.

Stephanie McGuire, mezzo sorpano

ENCORE: PROCESSIONAL OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The announcement of today's Covenant Renewal total!

*HYMN 116

I'm On My Way

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Now We Go Our Way Rejoicing

Rosalyn Kalmar



Now we go our way re-joic-ing, Filled, re-newed, re-



stored in spir - it. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le-lu - ia. Al - - le - lu - ia. _____

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Rodger Vine, Organist

trad. Caribbean song

Please join us for brunch, a celebration of Covenant Renewal, immediately following today's service!

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

“The living tradition we share draws from many sources including wisdom from the world’s religions which inspire us in our ethical and spiritual life.”

This is the third 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 turn a few pages into our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

ALLELUIA!

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

CRE programming and child care are available during the 11:00 AM service, downstairs in the Perkins Room. An usher will be happy to usher you and your child(ren) there. For further information about our Children's Education Program, please contact Rabbi Berman through the Church Office.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking spaces in the alley are rented to private non-ASC users throughout the week and on Saturday until 5:00 PM. Spaces #1 and #2 are for our ministers and must be kept available **at all times**. Parking violators are towed at the owner's expense. We suggest that you park at the Boston Common Garage. Parking on Sundays is available Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are in an envelope at the Book Table during Coffee Hour each week. They will also be available from ushers.

THE ARLINGTON STREET CENTER FOR LIBERAL RELIGIOUS INQUIRY AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

ASC's "Mini UU University" of Adult Religious Education courses, study groups,

lectures, and Covenant groups, offering a broad variety of opportunities for learning and growth. A complete catalog of programs is available at the ASCenter Table and on our website.

BOOK TABLE

Each Sunday, in the Parish Hall, the Book Table offers a selection of Unitarian Universalist and related titles. Also available are print copies and selected audio recordings of sermons.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of ASC. The members are: Judith Delgiacco, Sam Goldfarb, Polly Latham, Vincent Licenziato, Peter Lowber, Ray Moore, Sarah Richards (chair), Art Shirk, and Brian Souza (vice chair). Officers of the Church are Nancy Moore (moderator), Herbert Gleason (vice moderator), Brian Reardon (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

Staff Directory

Ministry

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Sr. Minister
office@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Rabbi Dr. Howard A. Berman,
Associate Clergy/Rabbi-in-Residence
HBerman@ASCBoston.org, ext. 12

Darrick Jackson, Interim CRE Assistant
DJackson@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Music

Miguel Felipe, Director of Music
MFelipe@ASCBoston.org, ext. 11

Vytas Baksys, Pianist (on sabbatical)
VBaksys@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Hsiao-Ling Lin, Interim Pianist
office@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Rodger Vine, Organist
RVine@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Administration

Peter Johnston, Church Administrator
PJohnston@ASCBoston.org, ext. 16

Jeffrey Bouchard, Facilities Manager
JBouchard@ASCBoston.org, ext. 14

Miguel Felipe, Print/Web Coordinator
inside@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

Shawn Newton, Business Administrator
SNewton@ASCBoston.org, ext. 18

Brad Nobles, Sexton
office@ASCBoston.org, ext. 17

Jeff Quinlan, Building Services
JQuinlan@ASCBoston.org, ext. 19

Corey Spence, Administrative Assistant
office@ASCBoston.org, ext. 10

NB: To reach any staff member by phone, dial 617-536-7050. When prompted, enter their extension.

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*
351 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3399

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Phone: 617-536-7050 • Fax: 617-536-7051
Email: office@ASCBoston.org • Web: www.ASCBoston.org