



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 2004
Coming of Age & Mother's Day Sunday

**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.**

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, May 9th, 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 _____

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PRELUDE

When I See You Say

Mark Weigle, Guest Musician

Mark Weigle

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio

Aria

from *Water Music*

Aria

from *Suite in D*

Rodger Vine, Organist

Nancy Plummer Faxon

G. F. Handel

J. S. Bach

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

Poem

Eli Ball and Anna Carson

Nikki Giovanni

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

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

In celebration of Mother's Day and in honor of our Coming of Age class, the students of our Children's Religious Education Program will be sharing a special presentation this morning. They will talk about their own feelings and share the symbols of the "promises" that correspond to the *Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism*.

ANTIPHONAL READING 664

Give Us the Spirit of the Child

Sara Moores Campbell

***HYMN 357**

Bright Morning Stars (vv 1-3)

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE, ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

Rabbi 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.

***HYMN 118**

This Little Light of Mine

COMING OF AGE PRESENTATIONS

Jessye Crawford

“Hoops” and “You’re Cool”

Jessye Crawford

Anna Carson

“The New Colossus”

Emma Lazarus
New York City, 1883

Eli Ball

A reading from *Fahrenheit 451*

Ray Bradbury

Jessye Crawford

Hip-hop dance: “Baby Boy”

Beyoncé
featuring *Sean Paul*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Rabbi Berman

REFLECTION

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Strike Up Your Instruments of Joy

John Edmunds

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND 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

Mark Weigle, Guest Musician

All That Matters

Mark Weigle

***HYMN 29**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Ninefold Amen!

Hal Barrett

repeat only once

A - men, A - men, A - - - - men!

A - - - - men, A - men, A - - - - men!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Rodger Vine, Organist

Marie-Louise Girod

The flowers today honor the Arlington Street Church 2004 Coming of Age Group: Anna Carson, Eli Ball, and Jessye Crawford, with love and joy, from their parents.

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

Please join us in the Parish Hall for cake in honor of Anna, Eli, and Jessye!

Special thanks to Rabbi Howard and Kim; to our mentors, Joanne Lloyd, Kathianne Sellers, and Meg Lynes; to all our teachers; and to each of you... especially our parents.

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).

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