



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH, 2004

**WE COVENANT TO
AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:**

**The inherent
worth and dignity
of every person.**

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 16th, 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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ORGAN PRELUDE

Selected Chorale Preludes

Rodger Vine, Organist

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

Lisa Kemper

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

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

THE DEDICATION OF JULIA AND EMMA BARNES

***HYMN 38**

Morning Has Broken

In honor of a third generation at Arlington Street Church: Julia and Emma, daughters of Erika and Steve Barnes, and granddaughters of Wendy and John Ellertson.

Following the hymn, the children are invited to leave for their classes. All children are welcome! Please join in singing them out: *Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.* (HYMN 413)

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE, ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

Responsive Reading 534, *Gloria*

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. Today, we light these candles in honor of this week's historic milestones, and in affirmation of ASC's same-sex couples.

ANTHEM

The Right to Love

Joe Della Penna
music by *Lalo Schifrin*
lyrics by *Gene Lees*

My love and I ask little of the world; The right to sigh together in the rain
And walk with heads up in the sun And share out joy and our pain.

And yet they said that we were wrong; That we hadn't the right to our love,
That this love was shameful to see And yet we treasured our love.

And so we go our solitary way, Indifferent to the cold unfriendly stares,
Indifferent to the whispered talk. We don't care at all.

We have all we need, As long as we can be together. We find our consolation
in each other's eyes, That sweet look of wonder.

We know we have earned the right to love. We know that we have earned
the precious right to love.

Lees, a white Canadian jazz journalist, wrote these words in 1965 when he was dating an African-American woman.

CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW

This is the time in our service when you are invited to light a personal candle of joy or sorrow. Please try to focus your thoughts and be *brief*. You may also light a candle in silence at any time on the table to the right of pulpit.

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 123**

Spirit of Life

SERMON

Soup and Art

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**ANTHEM**Verleih uns Frieden
Stephanie McGuire, conductor*Felix Mendelssohn*
(1809-1847)

Grant us peace graciously, Lord God, in our time. There is indeed no other who could fight for us than You, our God, alone.

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

Rodger Vine, Organist

Jazz improvisation on *When Love is Found*

Janet Linker

***HYMN 103**

For All the Saints

In honor of ASC's own Dave Wilson and Rob Compton, one of 7 plaintiff couples in Goodridge v. Dept. of Public Health, who will be legally married here tomorrow morning.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Ninefold Amen!

Hal Barrett

repeat only once

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

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

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Rodger Vine, Organist

Trumpet Tune in D

Craig Phillips

The flowers today are given by Alma Antoniotti and Gail Jennes in honor of their mothers.

Mary J. Antoniotti, May 23rd, 1908 - February 7th, 1998

Elizabeth Avers Jennes, May 11th, 1919 - Dec. 11th, 2003

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

“We covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.”

This is the third of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please turn a few pages into the 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).

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