



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2004

PRELUDE

Miguel Felipe, Piano

CHALICE LIGHTING

Act of Horado (Poland, 1413)

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

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 6

Just as Long as I Have Breath

CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW

Kate Starr

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.

READING

Quiet Mind: One Minute Retreat from a Busy World
(Excerpt from the Foreward)

Steven Harrison

SERMON

And They Said it Couldn't be Done

Marjorie J. Matty

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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

***HYMN 34**

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Miguel Felipe, Piano

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

Marjorie Matty

Marjorie Matty is yet another seminarian from ASC who is attending Andover Newton Theological School. She also works full-time as the Assistant to the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association and will begin her ministerial internship at the UU Society of Wellesley Hills this fall. Marjorie explains that the key to her spiritual practice is to be conscious in each moment, to allow one self to arrive safely at each step of the journey before taking the next and to share the good news with the world through humor and love.

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, August 15th, 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 _____

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

All Are Welcome...

We are glad you have joined us this morning for worship! The first principle of our Unitarian Universalist faith affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We celebrate unity in diversity.

This morning, we invite you to:

1. Fill in the Welcome Card found on the inside flap of this order of service and place it in the collection plate;
2. Join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall;
3. Take a moment to read through *Inside ASC* for upcoming events here at the church;
4. Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
5. Please come back again soon!

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Meet and greet with old and new friends as you join in this lively and social environment. All are welcome.

How to Become a Member of ASC

1. Attend a *New UU class*;
2. Make an annual pledge and an initial contribution toward that pledge; and
3. Sign the ASC membership book.

You can sign up for a *New UU Class* by contacting the church office via phone at 617-536-7050 or via e-mailing at office@ASCBoston.org. Also, check the web for the most up to date information about New UU classes.

Summer Worship Highlights

Sarah Duncan: "Finding the Sacred"

Sunday August 22nd, 11:00 AM

Sarah Duncan lives in Jamaica Plain with her two cats Little Guy and Max. She is a student at Harvard Divinity School whose aim is to become a UU parish minister. Sarah spent a year abroad in India, and is currently loving her volunteer work with homeless people in downtown Boston.

Shea Michael Mullaney: "Losing a Home"

Sunday August 29th, 11:00 AM

Shea Michael Mullaney is a life-long student, seeker, and pilgrim from Plymouth, Mass. He's been a member of the congregation since 2003.

Megan Lynes: “UU’s from Boston, Jews from New York, Buddhists from Japan

Sunday August 22nd, 11:00 AM

Megan Lynes is a fourth generation Unitarian Universalist and has been at Arlington Street Church for two years. This fall, she will begin her second year at Andover Newton Theological School on a path towards UU ministry. At ASC she helped found the Young Adult Group, sang in the choir and is on the Worship Coordinating Committee. This summer she is traveling to Japan sponsored by the International Association for Religious Freedom and will be part of an exchange with UU’s from Boston, Jews from New York and Buddhists from Japan.

Summer Notes

Interfaith WiffleBall Challenge

Sunday, August 29th at 1:00 p.m. on the Boston Common

Emmanuel Episcopal Church has challenged ASC to a friendly game of wiffleBall. The winning team will play the Church of the Covenant at a later date. Come support our team! Hot dogs, not dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. Team shirts will be available for purchase. For more information, or if you’d like to join the team, contact ASC Mascot, Peter Johnston at 617-536-7050, ext. 16

Homecoming Sunday: September 12th

Our Clergy, Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie and Rabbi Howard Berman, and our choir are on vacation and will return for Homecoming Sunday, September 12th. Please bring a little water from your summer travels for our water communion celebration!

Ordination of Eliza Blanchard

Sunday September 12th, 4:00 PM

The members of the First Church in Belmont cordially invite the members of of Arlington Street Church to celebrate the ordination of Eliza Blanchard. RSVP to Ms. Heli Tomford, htomford@aol.com or 617-484-0170.

Blessing of the Bells

Coming in October

Reverend George Whitehouse will be Bishop for the day, all are invited. Cheeseboard and fruit will be served.

LGBT Aging Project: Lunch and Social

Thursdays 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St.

All Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender elders welcome! For details contact Diane at Ethos.nutrition@ethocare.org or 617-522-6700 ext. 306.

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 will resume in September. For further information about our Children's Education Program, please contact Rabbi Berman through the Church Office.

THE ARLINGTON ST. CENTER FOR LIBERAL RELIGIOUS INQUIRY AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Beginning in September, ASC's "Mini UU University" of Adult Religious Education courses, study groups, lectures, and Covenant groups, offers a broad variety of opportunities for learning and growth. A complete catalog of programs is available at the ASCenter Table and on our website.

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

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of ASC. The members are: Emily Dunn, Wendy Ellertson, Vincent Licenziato (council chair), Ray Moore, Liz Regan, Art Shirk (co-chair), Brian Souza (co-chair), and Kate Wilkin-son. Officers of the Church are Nancy Moore (moderator), Herbert Gleason (vice moderator), Brian Reardon (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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