



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2004

PRELUDE

Miguel Felipe, Piano

CHALICE LIGHTING

Paul Rivenberg

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

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

OPENING WORDS

***HYMN 203**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

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.

SERMON

Shea Michael Mullaney

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Miracles

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

Eve Lauria

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

***HYMN 205**

Amazing Grace!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Miguel Felipe, Piano

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

Shea Michael Mullaney

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

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 29th, 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

Megan Lynes: "UU's from Boston, Jews from New York, Buddhists from Japan"

Sunday, September 5th, 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 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 Wiffle Ball Challenge

Today 1:00 PM on the Boston Common

Emmanuel Episcopal Church has challenged ASC to a friendly game of Wiffle Ball. The winning team will play the Church of the Covenant at a later date. Come support our team! Sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided. Team shirts will be available for purchase.

Organ Recital

Wednesday, September 1st, 8:00 PM at Methuen Memorial Music Hall

ASC's very own Rodger Vine will be presenting an organ recital which will include works by Callahan, Mozart, Tournemire, Gershwin, Ellington, Jongen and Duruflé. For more information go to www.mmmh.org or call the Music Hall at 978-685-0693.

Voter Mobilization Meeting

Sunday, September 12th, 12:30 PM Stage Right Room

ASC Votes!, our church's voter registration and mobilization task force, invites you to be part of our vital effort to increase participation in the upcoming elections. We are an active group with many successes under our belt but have much important work to do before November 2. That's why we need you!

Our main areas of focus are:

- ... Registering local and out-of-state voters on college & university campuses
- ... Opposing electronic voting that is not voter-verified
- ... Registering voters from underserved communities
- ... Mobilizing voters in swing states

For more information, contact ASC Votes Co-Chairs Judy Chambliss at (617) 232-2245, jac.pelican@verizon.net or Jim Vetter at (617) 947-6434, jbvetter@comcast.net.

Ordination of Eliza Blanchard: Date Correction

Sunday, September 26th, 4:00 PM at First Church Belmont

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.

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: Judith Delgiacco, Emily Dunn, Wendy Ellertson, Vincent Licenziato (council chair), Ray Moore, Liz Regan, Art Shirk (co-chair), Brian Souza (co-chair), and Kate Wilkinson. Officers of the Church are Nancy Moore (moderator), Herbert Gleason (vice moderator), Brian Reardon (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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