



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2008

We do hereby covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society

WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

• Community with peace, liberty, and justice for all • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence from which we are drawn • 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 world • Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of oppression and injustice • The transforming power of love • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • All that is good, just and beautiful in all religions • All that is good, just and beautiful in all cultures • All that is good, just and beautiful in all life • All that is good, just and beautiful in all existence • All that is good, just and beautiful in all of which we are a part.

• Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the insights of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit • Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

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 you are a longtime member, a regular guest, 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. Please drop it into the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service.

1/6/2008

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
- I/we have been attending ASC for _____
- I/we would like a permanent nametag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail
- Phone
- E-mail
- No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC
- Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)
- Other _____
- Choir/Music
- Social Action

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PRELUDE Longwood Symphony Chamber Players
Allegro e non Presto *Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1751)*
from *Oboe Concerto in D minor, Op.9 No.2*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Alleluya *Gustav Holst*

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING Mark Watanabe
Our flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns
in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

***HYMN 23**
Bring Many Names

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW Rob Cuddi

HYMN 123 (seated)
Spirit of Life *Carolyn McDade,*
Spanish trans. *Rev. Lilia Cuervo and Ervin Barrios*
Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.
Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arráigame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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 FOR LAS POSADAS**

Alegre Vengo

Alegre vengo de la montaña
de mi cabaña que alegre está
y a mis amigos les traigo flores
de las mejores de mi rosal.
Y a mis amigos les traigo flores
de las mejores de mi rosal.

Valentina Paez

Trad. Carol from Puerto Rico

Happy I come from the mountains
from my home that is joyful
And I bring flowers to my friends
The best flowers from my rose bush
And I bring flowers to my friends
The best flowers from my rose bush

SERMON

Spaciousness

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Prayer

text: *Robert F. Langwig*

music: *Arthur Frankenpohl* (b. 1928)

Keunyoung Sun, piano

Grant us a common faith
that we shall know the gift of being one,
The death of prejudice,
and the new birth of love.
May the seeds of righteousness come forth
from the common soil of our labors,
nourished by the rains of justice
and the warmth of security,
That a harvest of freedom of opportunity
may come for people throughout the world.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

Adagio from *Oboe Concerto*

Albinoni

***HYMN 116**

I'm On My Way

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Benedicamus Domino

Anon. 16th cent Guatamala

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE** *R. M. Rilke*

POSTLUDE

Allegro from *Oboe Concerto*

Albinoni

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

...and Service is Our Gift

Rob Cuddi, Candles Coordinator
Longwood Symphony Chamber Players, Guest Musicians
Ginny Merritt, Lead Worship Coordinator
Velentina Paez, Arlington Street Church Member
Todd Rinehart, Worship Coordinator in Training
Philip Roberts, Head Usher
Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurers
Keunyoung Sun, Guest Musician
Mark Watanabe, Prudential Committee Co-Chair

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.”

This is the seventh 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 our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

ALLELUIA!

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

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

Children’s Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children’s Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

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 CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past “The Castle.”

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of ASC. The members are: Sherene Aram, Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Charlene Galarneau, Elizabeth Lindholm, David McClain, Steven Procopio (Co-Chair), Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe (Co-Chair). Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Sarah Richards (vice-moderator), D. Richard Pooler (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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