



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2008

Guest At Your Table Sunday

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, 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 duty of the democratic process within our congregations and societies, the quest for world community with peace, liberty and justice for all • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. The living tradition which we share draws from many sources • 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 insights which create and uphold life • Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian traditions which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • Humanist teachings which counsel us to renew ourselves and the world • Results 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.

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AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:  
The goal of  
world community with  
peace, liberty,  
and justice for all.**

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.

2/17/2008

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       Choir/Music  
 Children's Religious Education       Social Action  
 Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRELUDE**

Prelude in G minor

Michelle Alexander

*Arthur Bird (1856 – 1923)*

Vater unser im Himmelreich *Dieterich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)*

**WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS,  
AND GREETINGS**

Desmond Ravenstone

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

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

**\*HYMN 134**

Our World Is One World

**COMMUNITY CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW** Dayne Ripellino

You are invited to share your joys and sorrows with the congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles Cards are collected until the beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, and clicking on "Worship."

**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.

### READING

Stories of Hope

### \*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us

### SERMON

And Service is Our Gift

Dan Kane

### SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

### READING

Children of the World

Erick DuPree

*Erick DuPree*

## **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**

Prelude in E major

*J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)*

## **\*HYMN 121**

We'll Build a Land

## **\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## **POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in F

*William Hine (1687 – 1707)*

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

Our choir is away this week.

We are grateful to Michelle Alexander  
for her gift of music this Sunday.

Join us next week for the Boston Choral Ensemble,  
one of Arlington Street Chruch's Artists in Residence.

Our choir returns in two weeks  
with Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

## **...and Service is Our Gift**

Michael Orzech, Assistant Worship Coordinator  
Richard Pooler and Ellen Spence, Assistant Treasurers  
Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator  
Todd Rinehart, Worship Coordinator in Training  
Dayne Ripellino, Candles Coordinator  
Ellen Spencer, Head Usher

## **OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH**

**"We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."**

This is the sixth 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 see the *Our Faith* brochure in the pew rack.

### **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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