

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 sorrows and joys, 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 here together 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!

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 Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero, Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (Co-Chair), Mickey Randazza, Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Mary Ann Hardenbergh (vice-moderator), Karl Paulnack (Council Chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, 2009
COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY

We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity, and compassion in all our relations • Acceptance of transgender 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 the larger world • The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all • The interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part • The life-giving mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life • Words and deeds of prophetic witness which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom from the many spiritual traditions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving one another • Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the 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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Justice, equity,
and compassion
in all relations.***

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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. 5/03/2009

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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Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

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Boston, Massachusetts

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PRELUDE

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639
Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641
O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross, BWV 622

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Joe DiMarino, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Come

Jason Shelton (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and
greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a
song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines
upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide
our journey home.

Open our eyes to see
that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it
among us.
The light of love here
shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide
our journey home.

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

Covenant 2009: Reach Deep, Aim High

Mary Beth McInerney, Paul Dakin

CHALICE LIGHTING

***HYMN 118**

This Little Light of Mine

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Go In Joy

text: *Barbara Pescan*
music: *Bart Bradfield*

Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day.
With open hearts embrace life's wonder.
We shall guide you, we shall love you on your way.

The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick
DuPree. All children are welcome!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Desmond Ravenstone

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys 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."

We Pray

music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Daniel Ross, tenor

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation, de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift. Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant: Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace, Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another. Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

***HYMN**

Lean on Me

Bill Withers (b. 1938)

Mark David Buckles, guitar; Molly Wood, piano

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

What About You?

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

THIS DAY!

text: *Vítězslav Hálek* (1835 – 1874)

music: *Ann MacDonald Diers* (b. 1925)

This day was made for great rejoicing, This Day!
This day a miracle of creation, This Day!
The universe delight is voicing:
Nature joins the celebration, This Day!

See how the heavens turn to crimson:
Sunset's flaming torches are burning.
Oh hear how the lovely nightingales sing
Their rapturous songs of love and yearning.

The world resounds with wond'rous music
As everything fulfills the joyous duty
Of giving thanks for countless blessings:
Peace and contentment, truth and beauty.

Radiant moonlight, glittering with starlight,
Glowing with rapture and emotions.
Now earth and heaven form a chalice,
Drink of the boundless joy Nature holds.

PROCESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

MUSIC FOR COVENANTING

AND COVENANT RENEWAL 2008 – 2009

Fantasy pieces, Op. 12.

Robert Schumann (1810 – 1856)

Molly Wood, piano

Everyone is invited to fill out a Pledge Sheet, pledging a gift of
financial support for July 1st, 2009 – June 30th, 2010. When you
are ready, wherever you are seated, please walk to the rear of the
sanctuary, process up the right-hand aisle to the front, place your
Pledge Sheet in the Ark of the Covenant, and return to your pew,
walking down the center aisle.

RECESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

OFFERTORY

Allegretto, Adagietto, and Intermezzo

Charles Tournemire (1870 – 1939)

ENCORE: THE ARK RETURNS

The announcement of today's Covenant Renewal pledge total!

***HYMN 116**

I'm On My Way

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

May the Prayers of Our Hearts

text: *Anonymous*
music: *Mark David Buckles*

May the prayers of our hearts, and the songs of our lips
Shared in this holy hour
Be with us now and in all the days to come. Amen.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE

Toccatina

Tournemire

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

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

...and Service is Our Gift

Danny Fournier, Head Greeter
Desmond Ravenstone, Candles Coordinator
Michael Orzech, Lead Worship Coordinator
Philip Roberts, Head Usher, Assistant Treasurer
Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer

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