

OFFERTORY

Recitative and Aria
from *The Creation*

Joseph Haydn (1732 – 1809)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone

And God said: Let the earth bring forth the living creatures after his kind.
(*Genesis 1:24*)

Straight opening her fertile womb, the earth obey'd the word,
and teem'd creatures numberless, in perfect forms and fully grown.
Cheerful, roaring, stands the tawny lion.

In sudden leaps the flexible tiger appears.

The nimble stag bears up his branching head.

With flying mane and fiery look, impatient neighs the sprightly steed.

The cattle in herds already seeks his food on fields and meadows green.

And o'er the ground, as plants, are spread the fleecy, meek and bleating flock.

Unnumber'd as the sands in whirls arose the host of insects.

In long dimension creeps with sinuous trace the worm.

*HYMN 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

When You Walk From Here

(sung twice; please join us!)

text: *Linnea Good*

music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *Buckles*

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy,
And with God's humble care.

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Tales from the Vienna Woods, Op. 325
Molly Wood, piano

Strauss

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

...and Service is Our Gift

Danny Fournier, Lead Greeter
Michael Orzech, Lead Worship Coordinator
Peter Lowber, Lead Usher
Philip Roberts, Assistant Treasurer
Rob Cuddi, Candles Coordinator
Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer

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), Karl Paulnack, Bob Sessions, and Mickey Randazza. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Rob Cotta (vice moderator), Mark MacDonnell (treasurer), Mark Watanabe (council chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2009

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity, and compassion in all our 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 the larger community with peace, liberty, and justice for all • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part • 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 forces which create and uphold life • Words and deeds of prophetic challenge to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom, courage, and imagination in our ethical and spiritual life • A just and peaceful society which calls all us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • 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.

**WE COVENANT TO
AFFIRM AND PROMOTE**

**Respect for the
interdependent web
of all existence of
which we are a part.**



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Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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PRELUDE

Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, arr. for piano *Claude Debussy* (1862 – 1918)
The Swan, from *The Carnival of the Animals* *Camille Saint-Saens* (1835 – 1921)
The Trout, arr. for piano *Franz Schubert* (1797 – 1828)
Molly Wood, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

For the Mouse is a Creature of Great Personal Valour
from *Rejoice in the Lamb*

music: *Benjamin Britten* (1913 – 1976)

text: *Christopher Smart* (1722 – 1771)

Julia Mintzer, mezzo soprano

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

***HYMN 163**

For the Earth Forever Turning

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY Rob Cuddi

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle 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.”

There Will Be a Light *Ben Harper* (b. 1969), arr. *Buckles*
Valerie Estle, soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

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.
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***HYMN**

We Celebrate the Web of Life *(see below)*

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Good Dog!

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Best of All Possible Worlds, from *Candide*
music: *Leonard Bernstein* (1918 – 1990), arr. *Robert Page*
text: *John La Touche* (1914 – 1956)

ANIMAL PROMENADE & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Auf freiem Fusse, Op. 345 *Johann Strauss, Jr.* (1825 – 1899)
Molly Wood, piano

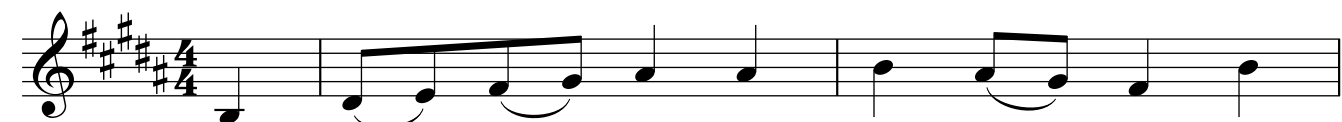
OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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.

We Celebrate the Web of Life

Alicia S. Carpenter

Mark David Buckles



1. We cel - le - brate the web of life, its
2. A frag - ment of the per - fect whole, in
3. Of an - cient dreams we are the sum; our
4. Re - spect the water, land, and air which



mag - ni - tude we sing; for we can see di -
cac - tus and in quail, as much in ti - ny
bones link stone to star, and bind our fu - ture
gave all crea - tures birth; pro - tect the lives of



vin - i - ty in ev - ery liv - ing thing.
bar - na - cle as in the great blue whale.
worlds to come with worlds that were and are.
all that share the glo - ry of the earth.