

OFFERTORY

Amorosi miei giorni, from *36 Arie di Stile Antico*
Deena Grier, piano *Stefano Donaudy* (1879 - 1925)

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 116

I'm On My Way

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (sung twice; please join in!)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged by *Mark David Buckles*

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

POSTLUDE

Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum, from *Children's Corner Suite*
Deena Grier, piano *Claude Debussy* (1862 - 1918)

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Children and youth of all ages are invited to meet in the Perkins Room to celebrate the New Year!

If you have arrived today with a baby or small child, there is a nursery/ playroom with the service piped in for your pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit, the room will be on your left before the stairs.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email cre@ascboston.org.

*Mark David Buckles and the Arlington Street Choir
are off today and will return next Sunday.*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

Any usher will be happy to help!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Joanna Lubkin*
Candles Chaplain, *Patrick Cooleybeck*
Lead Greeter, *David Scanlon*
Lead Usher, *Ellen Spencer*
Worship Coordinator, *Liz Weber*
Assistant Treasurers, *Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder*

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Tina Rose (chair) / Mary Marcel (vice chair)
Rick Cresta / Alex Frost / Connie Scanlon
Dave Erbe / Eve Lauria / Kerry Marshall / Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Susie Nacco (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk) / Thomas Simers (assistant clerk)

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

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

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."

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Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

7 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD, 2016

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

PRELUDE

Selections from the Goldberg Variations BWV 988

J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Deena Grier, piano

INTROIT

L'Heure Exquise (The Exquisite Hour)

text: *Paul Verlaine* (1844 - 1896)

music: *Reynaldo Hahn* (1874 - 1947)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

La lune blanche
luit dans les bois.
De chaque branche
part une voix
sous la ramée.
O bien aimée.

L'étang reflète,
profond miroir,
la silhouette
du saule noir
où le vent pleure.
Rêvons, c'est l'heure.

Un vaste et tendre
apaisement
semble descendre
du firmament
que l'astre irise...
C'est l'heure exquisite!

The white moon
Gleams in the wood;
From every branch
There comes a voice
Beneath the bower
O my love.

The pond reflects,
Shimmering mirror,
The silhouette
Of the dim willow
Where the wind laments...
Let us dream, it is the hour.

Vast and tender
An appeasement
Seems to lower
From the firmament
Star-bedecked...
Exquisite hour!

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 1000

Morning Has Come

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*
music: *Bart Bradfiel*

Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

At this time, all children are welcome to join the Children's Religious Education program!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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, by clicking on "Worship."

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

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 41

You That Have Spent the Silent Night

SERMON

Successful Failure Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Grace text and music: *Elizabeth Alexander* (b. 1962)
Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

It's how I hold my head up after I have missed the mark,
It's how I know I'm loved when things are dark,
It's how I stand when I am feeling small,
How I stand again after a fall –
It's how I'm even standing here at all:
Some people call it Grace.

Falling down like rain on everyone,
So warm, like greetings from the sun,
Like a gentle snow it's making every surface glow.
And I know I didn't earn it:
That's how I know it's Grace.

It's how two people stay together through the many years,
It's how a broken people sing again,
It's how a man can overcome his shame,
How a woman moves beyond her fears –
It's how I know that holy is my name.
We're all the same to Grace.

Falling down like rain on everyone,
So warm, like greetings from the sun,
Like a gentle snow it's making every surface glow.
And I didn't have to earn it.
No, I didn't have to earn it:

I didn't have to earn it through a word or through a deed,
Or through a trial or through a creed,
Or by denying what I need.
I only had to reach out my hand, and it was there.
But still it cannot take away the truths I have to face.
Oh no, that's not how it works with Grace.

Falling down like rain on everyone,
So warm, like greetings from the sun,
Like a gentle snow it's making every surface glow.
And I know I didn't earn it.
No, I didn't have to earn it.
I didn't have to earn it:
That's how I know it's Grace.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. Over 300 pledging members and friends also support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

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