Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2018

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 end of greetings.

PRELUDE

Introit

> We believe in acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth.

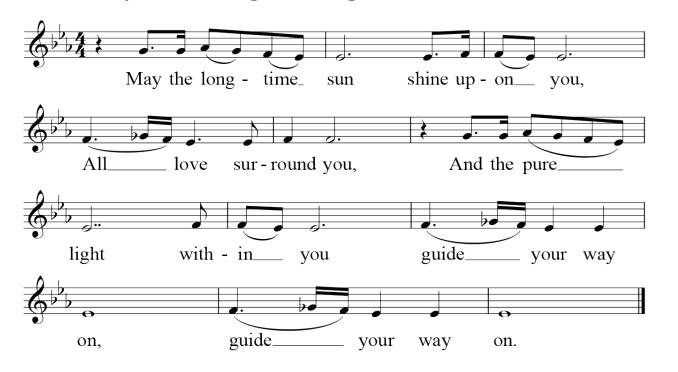
WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*Hymn 1000

Morning Has Come

CHILDREN'S BLESSING



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

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

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) text adapted: Crawford Harvie/Buckles music arranged: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary All made holy, loved and true With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Yel 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. Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn 348

Guide My Feet

SERMON

Purpose Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Gitanjai Chants text: Rabindranath Tagore (1861 - 1941) music: Craig Hella-Johnson (b. 1962)

Ever in my life have I sought thee with my songs.

It was they who led me from door to door,

And with them have I felt about me,

Searching and touching my world.

It was my songs that taught me all the lessons I ever learnt;

They showed me secret paths,

They brought before my sight many a star

on the horizons of my heart.

They guided me all the day long

To the mysteries of the country of pleasure and pain,

And at last to what palace gate have they brought me at the end of my journey?

You came down from your throne and stood at my cottage door.

I was singing all alone in a corner,

and the melody caught your ear.

You came down and stood at my cottage door.

Masters are many in our hall,

and songs are sung there at all hours.

But the simple carol of this novice struck at your love.

One plaintive little strain mingled with the great music of the world,

And with a flow'r for a prize;

You came down and stopped at my cottage door.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our



mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Winston Marshall (b. 1987), and Marcus Mumford (b. 1987) Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Parish Highlights

*Hymn 118

This Little Light of Mine

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

adapted from Letters of Rainer Maria Rilke, 1892 - 1910

*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

When You Walk From Here text: Linnea Good music: Tom Witt, arranged: Mark David Buckles When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.

POSTLUDE

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Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

In 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King gave a big speech to thousands of Unitarian Universalists titled "Don't Sleep Through the Revolution." This Sunday, we are learning about Dr. King's extraordinary legacy and his history at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome to join Erica and Beth in the Perkins Room as we explore what we can do to "stay awake" to the important issues in our world today.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

January Share the Plate: Black Lives Matter Boston

As part of the national Movement for Black Lives, Black Lives Matter Boston (BLM Boston) is committed to building equity, political will, and power for all Black lives in Metro Boston and beyond. We exist to challenge and disrupt all racist and oppressive systems, end police and economic violence in our communities, and abolish the prison industrial complex. We imagine and work to build a world where all human beings are accorded dignity and have what they need to flourish. For more information, please visit https://policy.m4bl.org/platform *Thank you for your generosity!*

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – JANUARY 7, 2018 Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.			
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Address			
		□ I/we are visiting for the first time.	
		☐ I/we have been attending ASC for	
		☐ I/we would like a permanent name (Name tags are placed on a rack in	
		☐ How did you hear about Arlington	Street?
		I prefer to be contacted by:	
□ Mail □ Phone □ Email □ I	No preference		
I would like to know more about:			
☐ Membership Classes/Joining ASC	□ Choir/Music		
□ Social Action □ Children's Religion	us Education		
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□ Young Adult Group □ Other			

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