# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

## Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

#### **PRELUDE**

Wexford Carol	Trad. English/Irish Carol
Lo, How a Rose ere Blooming	. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)
Arioso, BWV 1056	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Diamonds in the Snow Op.36, No.6	Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)
Emily Murphy, piano	

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Old Year Now Away Is Fled ...... text: Anonymous music: Greensleeves (Trad.16<sup>th</sup> century English)
Sarah Bach, soprano; Emily Murphy, piano

### CHALICE LIGHTING

#### WELCOME

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction ......text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield joy,\_\_\_ in peace to meet day! With Go in the go op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you, will love you your we

During the Children's Blessing, all children are always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!

### PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

# \*HYMN 40

The Morning Hangs a Signal

# **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 El amor es el espíritu 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 108

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

#### **SERMON**

### SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### CANTICLE

#### **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**

# \*HYMN 114

Forward through the Ages

## \*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926)

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join us!)

When You Walk From Here ..... 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.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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

# TODAY - January 8th, 2012

# **Children's Religious Education (CRE)**

Happy New Year! Today, we are going to start to build a neighborhood! Bring in more boxes, tubes, etc., along with your creative design ideas. We'll listen to a storybook or two about homes and then get right into building!

From 12:30-2:30 today, the Coming of Age (CoA) group will meet with Liz to create boxes that showcase our spiritual identity. Where do you feel grounded? When do you feel connected with something greater than yourself? What spiritual practices do you keep? What communities are important to you? We'll explore these questions and more through art and sharing together.

Mark David Buckles, Molly Wood, and the choir are away this morning. Today, we give special thanks to Emily Murphy and Sarah Bach for their beautiful music!

## PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

## Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Alma Antoniotti and Gail Jennes Candles Coordinator, Desmond Ravenstone Lead Greeter, JP LaFond Lead Usher, Greg Haig Worship Coordinator, John O'Connor