Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2010

PRELUDE

Aria con Variazioni Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)
Toccata per L'Elevazione Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)
Molly Wood, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek Not Afar for Beauty

music: Cyril V. Taylor (1907-1991), arr. Buckles text: Minot Judson Savage (1841-1918), adapt.

Seek not afar for beauty. Lo! it glows

In dew-wet grasses all about thy feet;

In birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet,

In stars and mountain summits topped with snows.

Go not afar for happiness. For see,

It is a flower blooming at thy door.

Bring love and justice home, and then no more

Wilt thou wonder in what dwelling joy may be.

In wonder workings, or some bush aflame,

We look for love and fancy it concealed;

But in Earth's common things, love stands revealed,

While grass and flowers and stars spell out God's name.

CHALICE LIGHTING... Laura Evonne Steinman and Our Children Indian Proverb

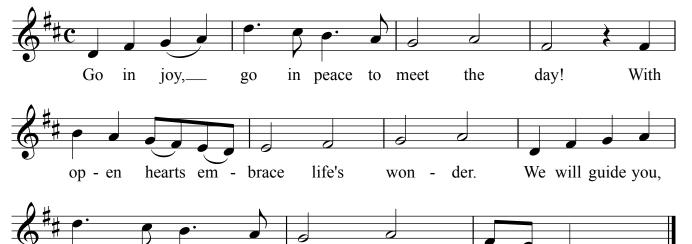
WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 368

Now Let Us Sing

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield



we will love you on your way. _____

The children are invited to leave for Children's Religious Education

All children are welcome!

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."

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: Nick Page (b. 1952) text: African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page 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,

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 22

Dear Weaver of Our Lives' Design vs.1-2 Congregation vs. 3 Soloists vs. 4 Congregation

And to help one another.

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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OFFERTORY

Oh! quand je dors, viens auprès de ma couche, comme à Pétrarque apparaissait Laura,
Et qu'en passant ton haleine me touche...

Soudain ma bouche S'entrouvrira!

Rayonnera!

Sur mon front morne où peutêtre s'achève Un songe noir qui trop longtemps dura, Que ton regard comme un astre se lève... Soudain mon rêve

Puis sur ma lèvre où voltige une flamme, Éclair d'amour que Dieu même épura, Pose un baiser, et d'ange deviens femme... Soudain mon âme S'éveillera! Oh while I sleep, come and stand by my bed as Laura came to Petrarch where he lay. And let your breath hover over my head -My pain will settle

My pain will settle and drain away!

And on my brow in the menacing darkness where nightmares come and all too often stay pour down your gaze like a shower of starlight -

My heart will waken. My dream will waken.

Then place a kiss both angelic and human on my two lips where love again may stir to flame. Yes, kiss me and turn from angel into woman - My soul will leap through

My soul will leap through from night into day!

*Hymn

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*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

Mazurka in B Flat Major, Op. 7 No. 1 .. Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849) Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

This week's theme in CRE is FAMILY.

Our children will be sharing special things they do as a family. Then, together, we will create a big collage of our CRE families for the Perkins Room.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Nancy George & Mark MacDonnell
Candles Coordinators, Rebecca Froom & Harlow Robinson
Lead Greeter, Nancy Perna
Lead Usher, Peter Lowber
Worship Coordinator, Lois Hartsough