Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 ST, 2010

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PRELUDE

Four Piano Blues Aaron Copland (1900-1999)

1. Freely poetic

- 3. Muted and sensuous
- 2. Soft and languid
- 4. With bounce

Molly Wood, piano

*Processional Hymn 68

Come, Ye Thankful People

CHALICE LIGHTING Jan L. Richardson

Rebecca Froom, Intern Minister

CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Come Jason Shelton (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!

Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!

The light of hope here shines upon each face.

May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;

Open hearts to welcome it among us.

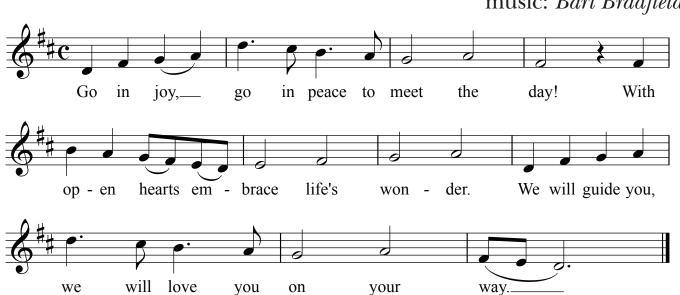
The light of love here shines upon each face.

May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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



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

Parish Highlights and Greetings

Transgender Day of RemembranceTaan Shapiro

*HYMN 32

Now Thank We All Our God

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 Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo 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.

*Hymn 95

There Is More Love Somewhere

SERMON

A Generous Heart Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Promise of Living text: Erik Johns (1927-2001) music: Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

The promise of living
With hope and thanksgiving
Is born of our loving
Our friends and our labor.

The promise of growing Is born of our singing In joy and thanksgiving.

The promise of living

The promise of growing
With faith and with knowing
Is born of our sharing
Our love with our neighbor.

For many a year we've known these fields
And known all the work that makes them yield.

Are you ready to lend a hand?
We're ready to work, we're ready to lend a hand.
By working together, we'll bring in the harvest, the blessings of the harvest.

We plow and plant each row with seeds of grain,
And Providence sends us the sun and the rain.
By lending an arm to bring out the blessings of harvest.
Give thanks there was sunshine,
Give thanks we have hands
To deliver the grain.

O let us be joyful, O let us be grateful to the Lord For his blessing.

The promise of ending
In right understanding
Is peace in our own hearts
And peace with our neighbor.
The promise of living,
The promise of growing,
The promise of ending,
Is labor and sharing and loving.

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 67

We Sing Now Together

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

From Thanksgiving Eve Bob Franke

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

When You Walk From Heretext: 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.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

TODAY - November 21st, 2010

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

November's theme in Children's Religious Education is our second Unitarian Universalist principle: Everybody should be treated with compassion.

Today, the older kids are invited to remain in the service a bit longer to hear Taan Shapiro (Laura's partner) reflect on Transgender Day of Remembrance. Afterwards, they can come downstairs to talk with Vickie Henry about communities of thankfulness. The rest of the crew (starting with Intern Minister Rebecca Froom) will be retelling the story of *Stone Soup*, and creating some of their own. Come have a taste of our soup after the service!

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS!

Holiday Events, Holiday Services

Nov. 21, 11AM Thanksgiving Sunday ~ Copland's, *The Promise of Living*

12:45PM Workshop: Unplug the Christmas Machine

Dec. 5, 11AM Chanukah

1PM Workshop: Jay Michaelson, God In Your Body

Dec. 12, 11AM Mitten Tree Sunday ~ Please bring new men's gloves,

hats, and scarves for our Friday Night Supper Guests

1PM Carol Sing

Dec. 19, 11am Christmas Sunday ~ Lessons and Carols

Dec. 21, 8PM Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Beautiful readings,

meditation by candlelight, songs, & wassailing

the trees in the Public Garden

Dec. 24, 5PM Christmas Eve by Candle Light family service

7 & 9PM Community Services with the Boston Gay

Men's Chorus

For more information, visit www. ASCBoston.org. All Are Welcome!

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

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Ellen Spencer and Carol Fisher

Candles Coordinator, Lois Hartsough

Lead Greeter, Danny Fournier

Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer

Worship Coordinator, John O'Connor