Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 2015

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

PRELUDE

Sonata in A Major, Op 120 Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828) Nicholas Place, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

INTROIT

GREETINGS

CHILD DEDICATION

Zephyr Charlotte Lamont daughter of Tricia Boulet and Merrill B. Lamont III

*Hymn

Swimming to the Other Side

text and music: Pat Humphries (b. 1960)

choral arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Chorus

We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in the stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

I am alone and I am searching, hungering for answers in my time I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility, I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

On this journey through thoughts and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together. I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow, We're all swimming
to the other side

Chorus

When we get there we'll discover
All of the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live together
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

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."

Sanctuary John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) text adapted by Crawford Harvie / Buckles music arranged by 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 6

Just As Long as I Have Breath to the tune of Hymn 21 For the Beauty of the Earth arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

SERMON

For Real Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Pages text and music: Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962) dedicated to all those who have served in our military

On the pages of the morning paper,

People rebuild shattered schools and restore lifeless lakes,

Knit reconciliation out of promise and pain,

And sing to the deathly ill and the newly born.

Constitutions are still being written,

And slaves freed, and truces forged.

We finish our breakfasts and roll up our own sleeves.

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

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 354

We Laugh, We Cry

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

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

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

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, through the chapel, and the room will be on your left before the stairs.

- Pre-schoolers will be sharing about Thankfulness in the chapel with Taan and Allie.
- Kindergarten-2nd graders will be learning through a Spirit Play story about the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) in the Perkins Room with Laura and Nancy.
- 3rd-6th graders will be learning about the Unitarian Universalist superhero Fannie Farmer in the Carol Smith Room with Sarah and Sandy.
- 7th grade and up are invited to enjoy the sermon, or to join the children and share your gifts in the CRE program.

At 1 pm today: CRE Volunteering Training in the Perkins room. If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email cre@ascboston.org.