

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 27, 2015

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
- I/we have been attending ASC for _____
- I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- How did you hear about Arlington Street?

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone E-mail No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
- Social Action Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education & Connections (ASC's small group ministry)
- Young Adult Group Other _____

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service or hymnal or a Braille hymnal
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

Any usher will be happy to help!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Lisa Weber*
Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*
Lead Usher, *Ellen Spencer*
Worship Coordinator, *Rev. George G. Whitehouse*
Assistant Treasurers, *Nancy George & Dave Erbe*

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Tina Rose (chair) / Mary Marcel (vice chair)
Rick Cresta / Alex Frost / Connie Scanlon
Dave Erbe / Eve Lauria / Kerry Marshall / Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Susie Nacco (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk) / Thomas Simers (assistant clerk)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

Staff Directory

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Justin Hicks, bass

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Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2015

7 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE, EQUITY,** and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE, LIBERTY,** and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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

PRELUDE

L'Isle joyeuse (The Joyful Island) *Claude Debussy* (1862 - 1918)
Nicholas Place, piano

INTROIT

Shalom Rav (Abundant Peace) text: *Traditional Jewish Prayer*
music: *Ben Steinberg* (b. 1930)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING Lisa Kirk
In A World Filled With Darkness *Douglas John Traversa*
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

*GREETINGS

***HYMN 347**
Gather the Spirit

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)

<i>Spirit of Life, come unto me.</i>	<i>Fuente de amor, ven hacia mí.</i>
<i>Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.</i>	<i>Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.</i>
<i>Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;</i>	<i>Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;</i>
<i>Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.</i>	<i>Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida</i>
<i>Roots hold me close; wings set me free;</i>	<i>Arráigame, libérame,</i>
<i>Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.</i>	<i>Fuente de amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.</i>

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	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.

RESPONSIVE READING 637

Litany of Atonement

*HYMN 318

We Would Be One

SERMON Rev. Vera O'Brien, Affiliated Community Minister
Peace Treaty

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Home is Where the Heart Is *Sally Fingerett* (b. 1955)
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

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. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Che gelida manina, from *La Boheme*
Giacomo Puccini (1858 - 1924)
Nicholas Place, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 170

We Are a Gentle, Angry People

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (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

Etude in C# minor Op. 10, No. 4 *Frédéric Chopin* (1810 - 1849)
Nicholas Place, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Thank you for coming this morning! Our CRE program will resume next Sunday, January 3, 2016.

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. The room will be on your left, before the stairs.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email CRE@ASCBoston.org.