

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 28, 2014

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 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

Candles Coordinator, *George Whitehouse*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*
Lead Usher, *Dave Erbe*
Worship Coordinator, *Chris Alburger*
Assistant Treasurers, *Nancy George and 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:

Alex Frost (chair) / Greg Haig (vice-chair)
Christine Curtiss / Dave Erbe / Mary Marcel
Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon / Tina Rose
Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Tori Bell & Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators)
Doc Kinne (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)

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."

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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 28TH, 2014

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM
PROMOTES SEVEN PRINCIPLES

~ OUR THIRD PRINCIPLE ~

*Acceptance of one another
and encouragement of
spiritual growth.*

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 2014

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

PRELUDE

Presto from *Organ concerto No. 5 ... George Frideric Handel* (1685-1759)
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

*HYMN 347

Gather the Spirit

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

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."

Some of us pray with words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to one another.

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
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 331

Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

CANTICLE

Bist du bei mir text: *Unknown, published 1725*
music: *Gottfried Stölzel* (1690-1749)
attributed to *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor; Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Bist du bei mir, geh' ich mit Freuden If you are with me, I will gladly go
zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh! to my death and to my rest.
Ach, wie vergnügt wär' so mein Ah, how pleasant would my end be
Ende,
es drückten deine lieben schönen if your dear, fair hands
Hände
mir die getreuen Augen zu! shut my faithful eyes!

SERMON Rev. Vera O'Brien, Affiliated Community Minister
A Year to Live

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Sure on this shining night text: *James Agee* (1909-1955)
music: *Samuel Barber* (1910-1981)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor; Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.

The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.

Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night I weep for
wonder wand'ring far

alone
Of shadows on the stars.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. Over 300 pledging members and friends also 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

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)
(The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away)
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 6

Just As Long As I Have Breath

*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

Northern Lights *Sergei Banevich* (b. 1941)
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, CRE will be meeting in grade based groups. Kindergarten-2nd graders and Allie are discussing their New Year's resolutions. 2nd-8th graders and Sarah C. are discussing highs and lows of 2014 and hopes for 2015. Our CRE staff, Laura Evonne and Erica, are both away today. If you are interested in learning more about our religious education program, please email CRE@ASCBoston.org.

Rev. Kim, Mark David Buckles, and the choir are away today. Rev. Kim will be back in the pulpit next Sunday morning. Today, we thank Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan and David Rosensweig for their beautiful music!