

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 31, 2017

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 _____

Email _____

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 Email No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
- Social Action Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education (Zen Center, The Wednesdays Literary Salon, Kundalini Yoga, Intersectional Book Group. etc.)
- Young Adult Group Other _____

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinators, *Darrell Waters*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Nancy Perna*
Lead Usher, *Shana Rudinsky*
Worship Coordinator, *Lucy Humphrey*
Assistant Treasurer, *Kevin Tyrrell & Nancy Perna*

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!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

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:

Al Ingram (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice-chair) / Joe Alen Dan Brotman / Lois Hartsough / Eve Lauria Deb Pontes / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (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.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows is closed for the winter and will open again in the spring of 2018. More information is available at www.asctiffany.org.

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

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*
Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*
Beth Robbins,
Interim Director of Family Ministry
Erica Rose Long,
Interim Assistant Director of Family Ministry
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

Community Ministers

Dr. Arthur Judge,
Hospital Chaplain, retired
Rev. Clyde Grubbs,
Spiritual Director
Rev. Fred Small,
Minister for Climate Justice
Rev. Joanna Lubkin,
Chaplain, Wellesley College
Rev. Vera O'Brien,
Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

All staff members may be reached through the church office

Intern Ministers

Ali Jablonsky,
Massachusetts General Hospital
Karlene Griffiths Sekou,
Black Lives Matter, Boston
Liz Weber,
UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*
Xuan He, *Organist and Pianist*
Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Katie Elledge, *Soprano*
Katherine Maysek, *Alto*
Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*
Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*
Brad Nobles, *Sexton*
Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

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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 31ST, 2017
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

8 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
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

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 31ST, 2017

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 end of greetings.

PRELUDE

Variations on Greensleeves *James Woodman* (b. 1957)
Now the Old Year has Passed Away, BWV 614
J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Xuan He, organ

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING

On the Brink of a New Year *Rev. Lois Van Leer*
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

The Times They Are A-Changin' *Bob Dylan* (b. 1941)
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

GREETINGS

*HYMN 361

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In
arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *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 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.
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***You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.**

*HYMN 86

Blessed Spirit of My Life

RESPONSIVE READING

In Betweenness *Rev. Richard Gilbert*

We live
In between festivals of gratitude and joy,
In between seasons of contrasting color,
Between floods of brightness
And seas of whiteness.

We live
On a remote island outpost in fathomless space,
Between stars and moon and planets and void.

We live
Not quite in the apex of joy,
Nor in the nether of sorrow,
But in the moving space between,
Uncertain of our location.

We live
Walking from city of birth to death,
Hoping along the way
To see something of beauty,
To touch hands with those we love,
To give more than we get,
To make some sense of it all.
We live in betweenness.

SERMON

In Between *Rev. Vera O'Brien*, Affiliated Community Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

The Circle Game *Joni Mitchell* (b. 1943)
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your stewardship and support!

Rev. Kim, Beth Robbins, Interim Director of Family Ministry; Mark David Buckles, Director of Music; and the Arlington Street Choir are off today. They look forward to seeing you next week!

OFFERTORY

Widmung (Dedication) *Robert Schumann* (1810 – 1856)
arranged: *Franz Liszt* (1811 – 1886)

Xuan He, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 311

Let it Be a Dance

*BENEDICTION

Let Us Begin Again in Love *Rev. Lois Van Leer*

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (sung twice; please join in!)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo *J. S. Bach* (1685 – 1750)
Xuan He, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Thank you for coming this morning! There is no formal CRE programming today, but Allie and Lena are available to care for babies and small children during the service. You can find them in the children's pew at the front right of the sanctuary or in the nursery. To locate the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

In the Pulpit Today

Rev. Vera O'Brien leaves her interfaith ministry at Brigham and Women's Hospital today. In late January, she begins a new adventure as a Hospice Chaplain on the Cape and Martha's Vineyard. Rev. Vera attended Meadville Lombard Theological School and was joyfully ordained at Arlington Street Church in 2007 while serving as our Lifespan Religious Educator. Rev. Vera invites you to relax and enjoy a "resolution free zone" during our service as we let go of the challenges of 2017 and prepare to celebrate all the possibilities of the New Year.

Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's homeless and hungry. Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter. *Thank you for your generosity!*