

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2003 Homecoming Sunday

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Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregation.

Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729

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PRELUDE

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OPENING MEDITATION

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Come into this place of memory and let its history warm your soul;
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- William F. Schutz

CEREMONY OF THE WATERS

Norma Burton

*HYMN 23

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*HYMN 271

Come Down, O Love Divine

SERMON

The Hidden Revealed Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray trad./arr. Sheldon Curry

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way and who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters, let's go down, come on down.
O sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

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...O fathers, let's go down, come on down. O fathers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

...O mothers, let's go down, come on down. O mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

...O sinners, let's go down, come on down. O sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

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OFFERTORY

Song of Exaltation Rashed Davison, vocalist Stanley Day

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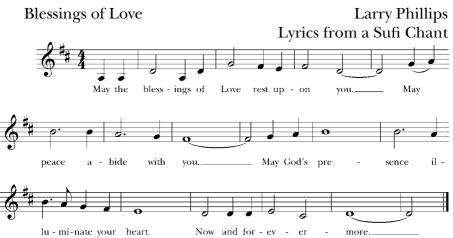
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*Hymn 278

Praise Be to God, the Almighty

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

G. F. Handel

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

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ONE MEMBER'S JOURNEY

Don Rickter

CHALICE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER, READING, AND MEDITATION

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Look to this day! For it is life, the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence:

The bliss of growth, The glory of action,

The splendor of beauty;

For yesterday is but a dream,

And tomorrow is only a vision;

But today, well lived, makes every yesterday

A dream of happiness

And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look well, therefore, to this day.

attributed to Kalidasa

*Hymn 34

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

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*Hymn 18

What Wondrous Love

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Compassion

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM The ASC Choir & The Drakensberg Boys Choir Ut'he Wena traditional South African

Hymns are often sung in the South African church on the day of a wedding. For this purpose, a number of traditional folk melodies are used to which hymn texts are set. Today's anthem would be used at a wedding during the signing of the register.

(A note of congratulations to staff member Lauren Kadi on the occassion of her marriage to Robert Bellon last week.)

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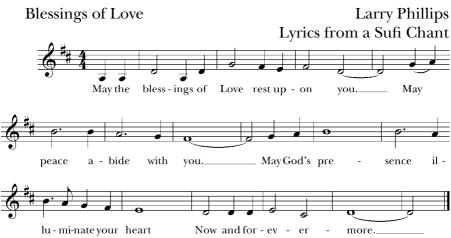
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*Hymn 298

Wake, Now, My Senses

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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High Holy Day Sunday Rosh Hashanah, the New Year 5764

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"The meanings of Rosh Hashanah, the New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, are deeply intertwined. The most important link, for us as religious liberals, is that they both call us to be conscious of our lives and thoughts and actions. On Rosh Hashanah, we are called to reflect on how we were in the year past; on Yom Kippur, we are called to look at how we may yet grow and change in the year to come!

Unitarian Universalism, like the Judaism from which it sprang, is a humanisitic religion in which people with all our flaws and limits are viewed as central... even divine! It also recognizes in our humanity, our capacity for error. Our divinity depends upon our ability to correct our mistakes, and also to forgive the errors of others..."

from the Arlington Street Church Yom Kippur Service, 1965

*Hymn 392

Hiney Ma Tov

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*Hymn 217

O Sing Hallelujah

SERMON

Rabbi Dr. Howard A. Berman

A New Year, A New Chapter

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Avinu Malkeynu Stephanie McGuire, soloist

Max Janowski

This prayer is the major liturgical refrain of the High Holy Day Synagogue Service. It is a Confession and Petition, recited together by the Congregation, seeking repentance, healing and reconciliation as we begin the New Year. While the text is ancient, dating to the 2nd Century, this setting is a contemporary one, by one of the leading Jewish composers of the 20th century, Max Janowski, and is used in most Reform Temples in America.

Loving Creator, hear our voice!
Loving Creator, we stand in need of forgiveness.
Loving Creator, bestow your blessings
Upon us and upon your children!;
Loving Creator, grant unto us a new year of joy and peace!

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Shaker tune, arr. R. Hebble

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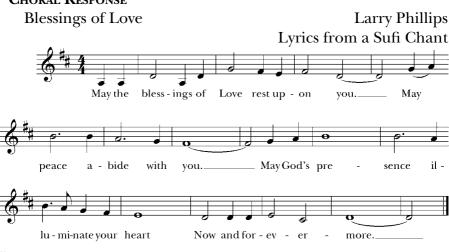
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*Hymn 215

Praise to the Living God

*BENEDICTION





POSTLUDE

"La Rejouissance" from Fireworks Music

G. F. Händel

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"The living tradition we share draws from many sources including Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves."

This is the fourth of the six sources of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles of our free faith, please turn a few pages into our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

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Boston, Massachusetts
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PRELUDE

Prelude in B-flat Aria Pavane Rodger Vine, organist Johann Krebs Noel Rawsthorne Robert Elmore

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Betty Wylder

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WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 153

Oh, I Woke Up This Morning

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OPENING PRAYER, READING, AND MEDITATION Rabbi Berman

From arrogance, pompousness, and from thinking ourselves more important than we are, may some saving sense of humor liberate us. For allowing ourselves to ridicule the faith in others, may we be forgiven.

From making war and calling it peace, special privilege and calling it justice, indifference and calling it tolerance, pollution and calling it progress, may we be cured.

For telling ourselves and others that evil is inevitable while good is impossible, may we stand corrected.

God of our mixed up, tragic, aspiring, doubting, and insurgent lives, help us to be as good as in our hearts we have always wanted to be. Amen.

Harry Meserve

RESPONSIVE READING 633

Atonement Day

CANDLES OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

Marjorie Matty

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*Hymn 123

Spirit of Life

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

The Healing of *Teshuvah*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Turn Back O Man

Gustav Holst

Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is earth, and none may count her days. Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim, "Turn back, O man, forswear thy foolish ways."

Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise. Age after age their tragic empires rise, Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep: Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep, Earth shall be fair, and all her people one: Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky, Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

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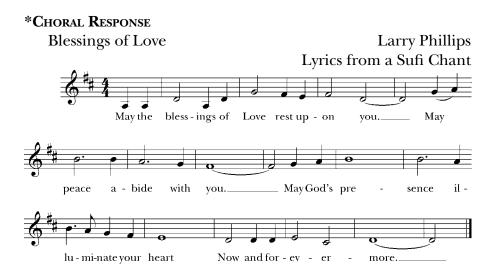
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Maria Theresia von Paradis

*Hymn 139

Wonders Still the World Shall Witness

*BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

"Finale" from Symphony in D Major

Charles-Marie Widor

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Blessing of the Animals

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Prelude

Pappilons, Op. 2

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RESPONSIVE READING 702

St. Francis of Assisi

CHALICE LIGHTING

One Member's Journey

Marshall Hawkins

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

A Place in the Choir Bill Staines [Please join the Choir and children in singing the *Chorus*]

All God's critters got a place in the choir, some sing low, some sing higher, Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Following the blessing, the children are invited to leave for their classes. All children are welcome! Please join in singing them out: Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

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*Hymn 175

We Celebrate the Web of Life

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Animal Companions

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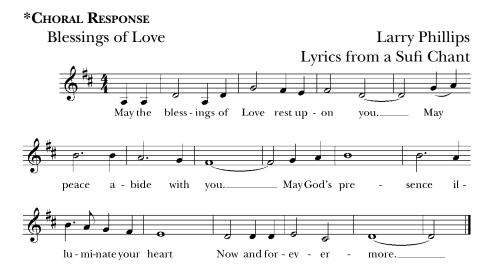
"Ronde des princesses" from Firebird

Igor Stravinsky

*Hymn 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

*BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

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Camille Saint-Saens

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PRELUDE Rodger Vine, organist
Sanctify Us By Thy Goodness J. S. Bach
Adagio W. A. Mozart
"Prelude" from *Prelude and Fugue*, Op. 7 Marcel Dupré

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Barry Higgins, Native American Flute

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 163

For the Earth Forever Turning

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Christopher Columbus did not 'discover' America. What he did discover was a rich and ancient indigenous culture that, tragically, he and many of those explorers and colonists who followed him tried to destroy. He claimed the soil upon which he intruded, in the name of a Queen who that very year began a brutal persecution of the Jews and Muslims of Spain. He felt called to unleash a crusade of forced conversions of native peoples, in the name of the Cross.

There is much to atone for in American history. And yet, there is also much to be proud of and to celebrate. We must pray and work so that America might yet live up to the best and noblest ideals that inspired most of those who settled and

built this nation. We must strive for healing and reconciliation with the descendents of those who called this land home for centuries before Columbus' three ships appeared on the horizon. What we celebrate today is not the 'discovery' of America, but the fitful beginnings of a vision that, at its most authentic, declared that all people are created equal, and are endowed with the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness....

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From the Ojibway Indians of North America

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Retrieving Our Souls

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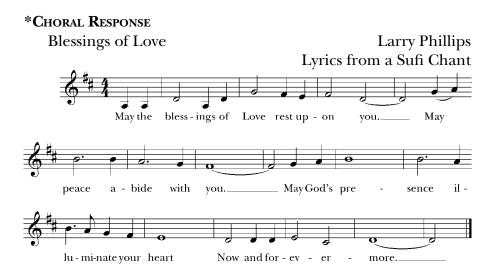
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*Hymn 354

We Laugh, We Cry

*BENEDICTION



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Julius Reubke

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Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

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OPENING PRAYER, READING, AND MEDITATION

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

O God, You have called us to seek peace and pursue justice. May we have the vision to see that each of us, in some measure, can help to realize these aims:

Where there is ignorance and superstition, *Let there be enlightenment and knowledge.*

Where there is prejudice and hatred, *Let there be acceptance and love.*

Where there is fear and suspicion, Let there be confidence and trust.

Where there is tyranny and oppression, Let there be freedom and justice.

Where there is poverty and disease, *Let there be prosperity and healing.*

Where there is strife and discord, Let there be reconciliation and peace!

Gates of Prayer Sabbath Service

RESPONSIVE READING 576

A Litany of Restoration

CANDLES OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN

Sarah Duncan

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*Hymn 144

Now Is the Time Approaching

SERMON

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

The Freedom to Marry:
The Civil Rights Crusade of Our Time

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

O God, You Have Called Us Stephanie McGuire, soloist James Wilson, soloist Miguel Felipe

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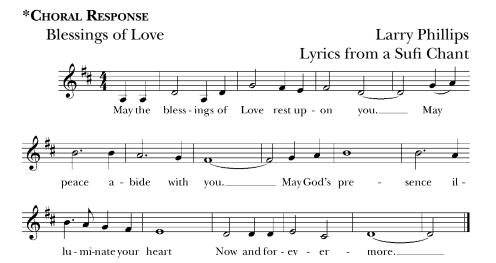
The Joyful Flutist

Ramon Nobles

*Hymn 169

We Shall Overcome

*BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Fantasy-Improvisation (Part II)

Charles Tournemire

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PRELUDE

Four movements from *Suite Française* Invention No. 4 in D Minor

Rodger Vine, organist Pierre Cochereau J. S. Bach

Solo

Ranchera

Valentina Páez

*Processional Hymn 108

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

CALLING OF THE DIRECTIONS

Reading #446

Joan Goodwin

Readers: Joan Goodwin, Jamie Crawford, Michael Agenbroad, and David Schumann

After the calling of the quarters, it is traditional to call the goddess and god into the circle.

All: Come we forth, to mark the turning of the year.

The door to winter now is here.

Men: Earth and water, fire and air, We invoke the goddess here. This day we are between the worlds To celebrate the year unfurled.

Women: Earth and water, fire and sky, We invoke the god on high. This day we are between the worlds To celebrate the year unfurled.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

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Following the affirmation and covenenant, the children are invited to leave for their classes. All children are welcome! Please join in singing them out: Go now in peace. May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

ONE MEMBER'S JOURNEY

Michael Agenbroad

Solo

Bolero

Valentina Páez

CHALICE AND ASC HERITAGE CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER, READING, AND MEDITATION

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

O God of life, amid the ceaseless tides of change which sweep away the generations, Your loving Spirit remains to comfort us and give us hope. Around us is life and death, decay and renewal: the flowing rhythm that all things obey.

Our life is a dance to a song we cannot hear. Its melody courses through us for a little while, then seems to cease. Whence the melody, and whither does it go? In darkness as in light, we turn to You, the Source of life, the Answer to all its mysteries.

Can it be that we, Your children, are given over to destruction, when our few days on earth are done? Or do we live on in ways we cannot fully know?

Yet, there is much that we have been given to understand! We are grateful for the life we have, and for all its gifts: for health and healing, for labor and repose, for the ever renewed beauty of earth and sky, for the search for truth and justice... and above all, for the eternal blessing of love – which unites heart to heart, and whose power is stronger than death!

Gates of Prayer

RESPONSIVE READING 720

We Remember Them

Presente

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

*Mourner's Kaddish

Rabbi Berman

*Hymn 96

I Cannot Think of Them as Dead

HOMILYThe Power of Grief

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

Breaths Ysaye M. Barnwell

text: adapted from a poem by Birago Diop

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OFFERTORY

Nancy Willbanks, guest vocalist Thomas A. Dorsey

Take My Hand, Precious Lord

*Hymn 103

For All the Saints

*BENEDICTION

adapted from St. John Chrysostom

*CHORAL RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Minor

Jeanne Joulain

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MANY THANKS...

- to Michael Agenbroad for the co-creation of today's service.
- to our own Valentina Páez, whose newly-released c.d., Rojos y Ochres, is rocking both North and South America!
- to our Dia de los Muertos Altar Guild: John Predergast and Steve Glicken have done it again! Thank you! And thanks to their lovely assistants... Wendy Ellertson, Lisa Kemper, Shea Mullaney, Kate Starr, and the children of the ASC Sunday School.

PLEASE WELCOME NANCY WILLBANKS, GUEST SOLOIST

Nancy is a lifelong Baptist, who started singing at the age of 5 for revival and tent meetings. Nancy is a member of Old Cambridge Baptist Church (our sister progressive congregation across the river); the Chief Financial Officer of Somerville Cambridge Elder Services; and the mother of Victoria, age 9.

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A Special Welcome to the group of 9th graders and adult friends from First Parish in Belmont. Welcome to ASC!

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Prelude Rodger Vine, organist Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach

Olivier Messiaen Cesar Franck

"Andante" from Grande Piece Symphonique

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

On the Subject of Choice William Albright

We gather here to worship free,

We celebrate our history; So let our praises ring!

Our love and understanding share,

Our minds are open and aware; Our voices now shall sing!

David Jackson

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*Hymn 40

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The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground.

He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.'

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'

Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

Then the men set out from there, and they looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way.

GENESIS 18: 1-8, 16

RESPONSIVE READING 666

The Legacy of Caring

CANDLES OF CELEBRATION AND CONCERN George Whitehouse

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*Hymn 407

We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Welcoming the Stranger

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

O, pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Herbert Howells

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

Psalm 122, vv. 6-7

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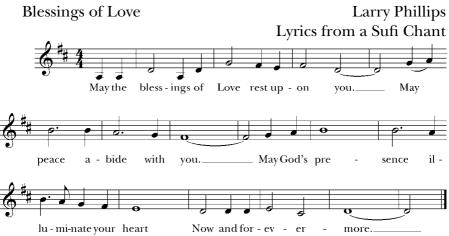
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*Hymn 121

We'll Build a Land

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Fugue in D Minor

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PRELUDE

Gift of Finest Wheat Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise Pasticcio Rodger Vine, organist Robert Kreutz Carl Schalk Jean Langlais

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OPENING PRAYER, READING, AND MEDITATION Sarah Duncan

Let me not pray to be sheltered from dangers, but to be fearless in facing them.

Let me not beg for the stilling of my pain, but for the heart to conquer it.

Let me not look for allies in life's battlefield, but to my own strength.

Let me not crave in anxious fear to be saved, but hope for the patience to win my freedom.

Grant me that I may not be a coward, feeling your mercy in my success alone; but let me find the grasp of your hand in my failure.

Rabindranath Tagore

RESPONSIVE READING 660

To Live Deliberately

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Kate Starr

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*Hymn 128

For All That Is Our Life

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Grist for the Mill

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Panis angelicus

Cesar Franck/arr. John Rutter

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis cælicus fitguris terminum: O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum Pauper, pauper servus, et humilis. Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

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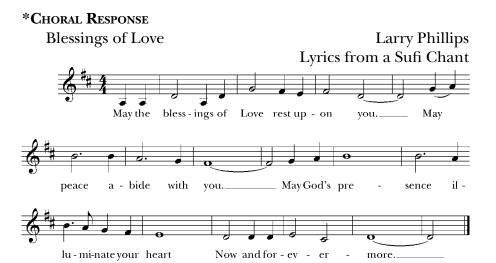
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*Hymn 116

I'm On My Way

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POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

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OPENING PRAYER, READING, AND MEDITATION

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Each of us enters this sanctuary with a different need.

Some hearts are full of gratitude and joy:

They are overflowing with the happiness of love and joy in their life; They are eager to confront the day, to make the world more fair; They are recovering from illness or escaped misfortune. And we rejoice with them.

Some hearts ache with sorrow:

Disappointments weigh heavily upon them, and they have tasted despair; families have been broken, loved ones lie in a bed of pain; death has taken those whom they cherished, May our presence and sympathy bring them comfort.

Some hearts are embittered:

They have sought answers in vain; ideals are mocked and betrayed; life has lost its meaning and value.

May the knowledge that we, too are searching, restore their hope and give them courage to believe that not all is emptiness.

Some spirits hunger:

They long for friendship, they crave understanding; they yearn for warmth.

May we in our common need and striving gain strength from one another, as we share our joys, lighten each other's burdens, and pray for the welfare of our community.

New Member Joining Ceremony

RESPONSIVE READING 468

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*Hymn 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SERMON

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Make Yourself at Home

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Storm is Passing Over

C. A. Tindley/arr. B. Baker

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OFFERTORY

Little Rhapsody

Charles Tournemire

*Hymn 205

Amazing Grace!

*BENEDICTION

Dawna Markova

*CHORAL RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Fugato-Finale from "Sonata in C-Sharp Minor" Joseph Jongen

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Prelude

Rodger Vine, organist

"Improvisation" from *Thanksgiving Suite* Charles Callahan Thanks Be To Thee G. F. Handel Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

"Kyrie" from Mass

Igor Stravinsky 1882-1971

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 68

Come, Ye Thankful People

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION

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ANTHEM

"Gloria" from *Mass*Katie Alexandra Woolf, soprano
Stephanie McGuire, alto

Stravinsky

Homily

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Thanksgiving Blessing

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"Credo" from Mass

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Stravinsky

*Hymn 67

We Sing Now Together

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Agnus Dei" from Mass

Stravinsky

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Today's flowers are given in memory of Ellie and Ned Pattison, with much love from their daughter Laura.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2003

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Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Welcome!

to Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Whether a long-time member, a regular worshipper or a first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you to this morning's service. The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys.

Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth. Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts.

Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

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☐ Joining ASC		☐ Choir/Music@ASC	☐ Spiritual Practice
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Other .			

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Sunday, November 30^{th} , 2003

PRELUDE

Rodger Vine, organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to the Gathered

performed on Congas

Matt Meyer, hand-drummer

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 347

Gather the Spirit

CHALICE AND ASC HERITAGE CANDLE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith. As we light the tapers in the tall spiral candlesticks that have long been linked to the memory of the Rev. William Ellery Channing, we also celebrate the rich heritage of Arlington Street Church. Rev. Channing founded the organized Unitarian movement in America, and served as minister of this congregation from 1803-1842. Each week, we reflect on a passage from his writings, or the words of other great spiritual thinkers who have led this congregation over the past 274 years.

OPENING PRAYER, READING, AND MEDITATION

Wendy Weiger

Sanctus

Blessed be You, our Creator, the infinite Source, The Divine Energy without beginning and without ending, Life and breath and inmost being of us all.

You are the water rushing in the rivers, The sap rising in the trees, The blood pulsing through our veins.

You are the stillness that lies in the dark spaces between the stars And in the depths of our souls.

You are our endless struggle and striving – Our doubt, our faith, our despair, our hope, our sorrow, our joy. You are the end of all striving, when at last we find You within ourselves

And discover heaven.

RESPONSIVE READING 660

To Live Deliberately

CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW

This is the time in our service when you are invited to light a personal candle of joy or sorrow. Please try to focus your thoughts and be *brief*. You may also light a candle in silence at any time on the table to the right of pulpit.

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 312

Here On the Paths of Everyday

SERMON Adam Sutton, ASC Worship Committee Perfect Stumbling: *A Thanksgiving Affirmation*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM Matt Meyer, hand-drummer Lucid Mediations performed on Doumbek

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We welcome a donation of \$10 to support the work of the congregation. Please place contributions in an envelope so they may be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

Grateful Adam Sutton, baritone Vytas Baksys, piano John Bucchino

*Hymn 69

Give Thanks

*BENEDICTION

Marianne Williamson



POSTLUDE

Matt Meyer, hand-drummer

Convivir en Paz

Improvisations on the Rumba and Merengue rhythms of Cuba and the Domincan Republic

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

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This is the third of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please turn a few pages into the hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

THE ABCs OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ARE: Adult's Religious Education
CRE: Children's Religious Education
SAC: Social Action Committee
UU: Unitarian Universalism

UUA: Unitarian Universalist Association UUSC: Unitarian Universalist Service Cmte. UUUM: Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministries

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

CRE programming and child care are available during the 11:00 am service, downstairs in the Perkins Room. An usher will be happy to usher you and your child(ren) there. For further information about our Children's Education Program, please contact Rabbi Berman through the Church Office.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking spaces in the alley are rented to private non-ASC users throughout the week and on Saturday until 5:00 pm. Spaces #1 and #2 are for our ministers and must be kept available at all times. Parking violators are towed at the owner's expense. We suggest that you park at the Boston Common Garage. Parking on Sundays is available Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are in an envelope at the Book Table during Coffee Hour each week. The will also be available from ushers.

THE ARLINGTON STREET CENTER FOR LIBERAL RELIGIOUS INQUIRY AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

ASC's "Mini UU University" of Adult Religious Education courses, study groups, lectures, and Covenant groups, offering a broad variety of opportunities for learning and growth. A complete catalog of programs is available at the ASCenter Table and on our website.

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