

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2011

HAPPY SPRING!

PRELUDE

Romanian Folk Dances and Hungarian Folksongs

Molly Wood, piano

Béla Bartók (1881-1945)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wie Melodien, Op. 105 No. 1 *Johannes Brahms* (1833-1897)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Molly Wood, piano

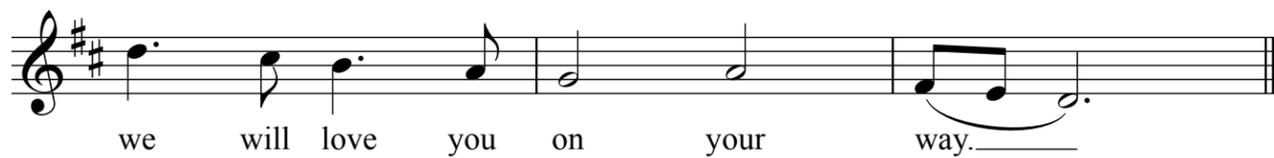
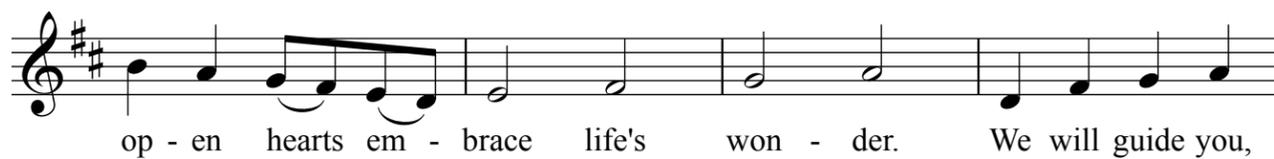
CHALICE LIGHTING ... Laura Evonne Steinman and Our Children

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*

music: *Bart Bradfield*



Following the Children's Blessing, all children are always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

Covenant Renewal Susan Barclay

*HYMN 159

This Is My Song

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)

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

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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***HYMN 86**

Blessed Spirit of My Life

SERMON

Afflicting the Comfortable Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Quell Torrente from *Guilio Cesare*

J. Jacob Krause, baritone *Georg Frideric Handel* (1685-1759)
Molly Wood, piano

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

Spring Comes Early (1998) *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

***HYMN 29**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

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

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

Pasticcio (1957) *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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

TODAY – March 20th, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Happy Spring! Thanks to everyone who joined the CRE Potluck Spring Breakfast this morning!

In appreciation of the first day of spring and of our 6th Unitarian Universalist Principle - Peaceful, Fair, and Free, we will explore the Boston Garden during Religious Education time today and return by the end of the service.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Assistant Treasurers, Ellen Spencer and Carol Fisher

Candles Coordinators, Liz Weber

Lead Greeter, Nancy Perna

Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer

Worship Coordinator, Lois Hartsough

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