Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2014

PRELUDE

Selections from Fenway Park Richard Giglio, Organist for the Boston Red Sox, 1995-2002

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner text: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) music: John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,

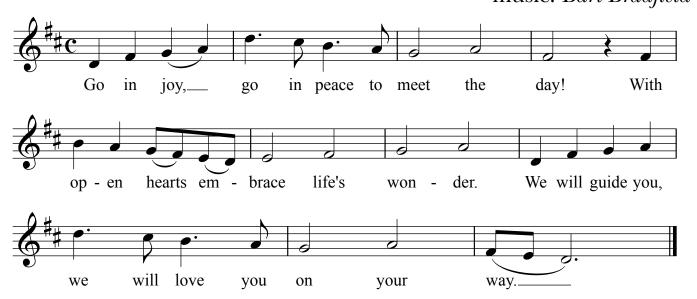
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

GREETINGS / FIRST PITCH / PLAY BALL!

Introit

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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



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. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: Nick Page (b. 1952) text: African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Marco A. Jordao, tenor



AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit

of this congregation,

And service is our gift.

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación

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.

*Song

Take Me Out to the Ball Game Jack Norworth (1879-1959)

Albert Von Tilzer (1878-1956)

Take me out to the ball game,

Take me out with the crowd;

buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,

I don't care if I never get back.

Let me root, root, root for the Red Sox,

If they don't win, it's a shame.

For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,

At the old ball game!

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

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

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Song

Where it began,

I can't begin to knowin',

But then I know it's growing strong.

Was in the spring

And spring became the summer,

Who'd have believed you'd come along?

Pre-Chorus

Hands, touchin' hands,

Reachin' out, touchin' me, touchin' you.

Chorus

Sweet Caroline,

Good times never seemed so good.

I've been inclined

To believe they never would

But now I

Look at the night

And it don't seem so lonely

We fill it up with only two.

And when I hurt,

Hurtin' runs off my shoulders

How can I hurt when holding you?

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (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

Washington Post March *John Philip Sousa* (1854-1932) Richard Giglio, organ

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

We are all meeting in the Perkins Room to play ball! Our *Lions and Lambs* baseball teams will help illustrate how the spirit of baseball relates to our Unitarian Universalist faith. All are welcome.

Note: After church next Sunday, CRE is taking a trip to visit Finn the Christmas Sheep! If you would like to come, please email Erica Long at elong@ascboston.org. The cost of the tour is \$10 (sponsorship is available).