

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2016

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.

PRELUDE

Dear Prudence ... *John Lennon* (1940 - 1980) / *Paul McCartney* (b. 1942)

I Will

Martha My Dear

Nicholas Place, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

On this day, over 30 congregations statewide are participating in a Faith Weekend of Action on behalf of Transgender Non-Discrimination. On this day, we light our chalice with prayers for smooth and quick passage of a bill that would protect our transgender siblings and uphold their dignity under the law.

We pray for families and friends in our community to feel loved, safe, and welcome.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Sovereign and Transforming Grace

text: *Frederick Henry Hedge* (1805 - 1890)

music: *Jane M. Marshall* (b. 1924)

arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Sovereign and transforming Grace,
We invoke your quickening power;
Reign the spirit of this place,
Bless the purpose of this hour.

Holy and creative Light,
We invoke your kindling ray;
Draw upon our spirit's night,
As the darkness turns to day.

To the anxious soul impart hope,
All other hopes above;
Stir the dull and hardened heart
With a longing and a love.

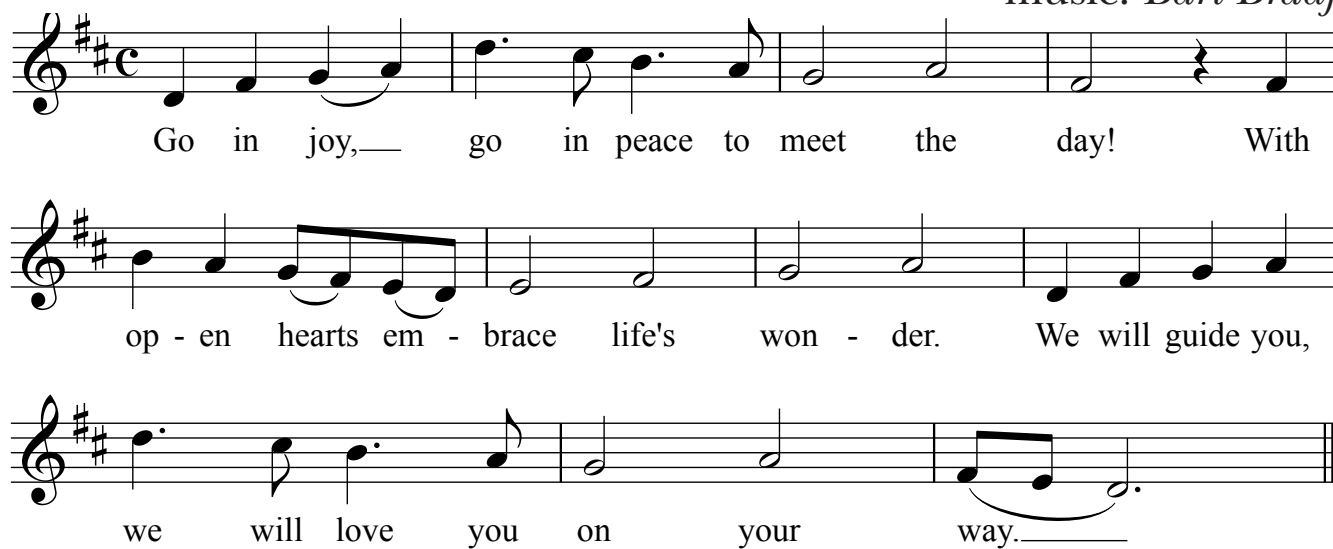
GREETINGS

***HYMN 128**

For All That Is Our Life

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

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	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	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.

*HYMN 295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

SERMON

Forget Your Perfect Offering

Joanna Lubkin, MDiv, Affiliated Community Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven text: *Jane Griner*
music: *Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)*

In my heart's sequestered chambers
Lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence
Memory summons half-heard voices,
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
Sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion,
Pain and pleasure, grief and comfort.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY Barbara Seidl

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

Anthem *Leonard Cohen* (b. 1934)
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 118**

This Little Light of Mine

***BENEDICTION AND 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, and with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE

Honey Pie *John Lennon* (1940 - 1980) / *Paul McCartney* (b. 1942)
Nicholas Place, piano

*Rev. Kim and Beth Robbins, Intern Minister, are off this week.
They look forward to being back with us next Sunday.*



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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! If your baby is getting restless, there is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs.

- Pre-schoolers: meet Allie in the Chapel for a story about Springtime.
- Kindergarten-2nd graders: Spirit Play Group ~ meet Jessica and Lale in the Perkins Room for a story about Rev. William Ellery Channing
- 3rd-6th graders: UU Superheroes Group ~ meet Sarah C. to learn about Rev. Dana McLean Greeley and the consolidation of Unitarianism and Universalism
- 7th graders and up: meet Laura Evonne in the Parish Hall to work on the Friday Night Supper Program mural.

Erica is away this week and will be back Sunday, April 17th.

April Share the Plate Recipients: Boston Marathon Charities

We share half of the Sunday morning offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. April's Share the Plate will be shared equally with the causes of Arlington Street's charity runners for this year's Boston Marathon.

Nikki Derome will be running for The Hoyt Foundation, a nonprofit that aspires to build the individual character, self-confidence, and self-esteem of young people with disabilities through inclusion in all facets of daily life. Nikki runs as a member of Team Hoyt, founded by Dick and Rick Hoyt, the father-son wheelchair team that has inspired thousands of people, both disabled and able-bodied. Nikki runs in memory of her mother, Denise Derome.

Melissa Dlugolecki will be running for Team Leyden, raising funds for Boston Children's Hospital. Named in memory of Melissa's infant daughter, Leyden Saige Cournoyer, Team Leyden's mission is to positively impact others in the face of adversity and to help fuel research to prevent cases such as Leyden's while supporting the unmatched quality of care the hospital provides.