Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts Sunday, April 19th, 2015

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

PRELUDE

Introit

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Julie Metcalf, vocals

CHALICE LIGHTING

Why I Run Nikki Derome, Meg McSwann, Melissa Dlugolecki

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

*Hymn 348

Guide My Feet arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

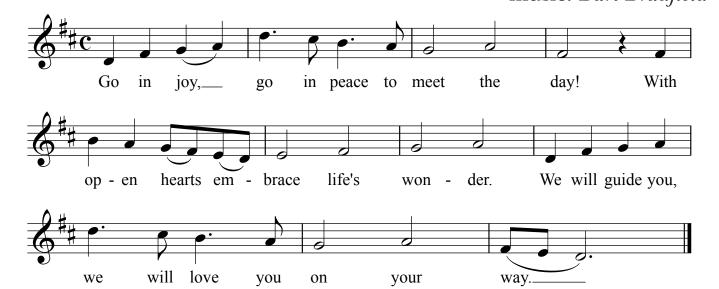
BLESSING OF THE RUNNERS

STORY IN THE SANCTUARY

Gardening in the Snow ... Laura Evonne Steinman & Christa Lamb

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.

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Fuente de amor, ven hacia mí.

Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.

Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida

Arráigame, libérame,

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. Fuente de amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Yel 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. Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 1065

Blue Boat Home

HOMILY

Get Out!	Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie
i thank You God for most this amazing e.e. cummings (1894-1962)	
from Walden	. Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)
from The Color Purple	
The Peace of Wild Things	Wendell Berry (b. 1934)
Dear Earth	

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals Donald A. Milton III, vocals Julie Metcalf, violin

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Covenant Renewal: #IamASC ~ Robert Holley

HYMN

This land is your land, this land is my land From California, to the New York Island From the redwood forest, to the gulf stream waters This land was made for you and me

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

From Beginners Denise Levertov

*Recessional (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

Grand Fantasia "The Earth and the New Planet"

Shuwen Zhang (b. 1991)

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, CRE is continuing a unit on climate justice, based on materials provided by the faith-based non-profit Commit2Respond. This Sunday's theme is fire.

Children and youth of all ages are meeting in the Perkins Room to reflect on the role of fire in our Unitarian Universalist worship community and its simultaneously disastrous and life-giving power in the natural world. After our discussion, we will make our own chalices and write our own chalice lightings that relate to the powers of fire.

After today's service, CRE invites you to attend "The Call for Climate Justice: A Conversation with Tim DeChristopher." At 12:15 pm we will all walk around the corner to First Church Boston.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email cre@ascboston.org.