# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 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**

Carnaval, Op. 9 ...... Robert Schumann (1810 - 1856)

- I. Préambule
- II. Pierrot
- III. Arlequin
- IV. Valse Noble
- V. Eusebius
- VI. Florestan
- VII. Coquette Nicholas Place, piano

### **WELCOME**

#### CONGREGATIONAL READING

Hymn 632 Passover Remembered

#### **CHALICE LIGHTING**

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

#### Introit

Barechu ..... text: *Traditional Jewish Call to Prayer* music: *Solomone Rossi* (c. 1570 - c. 1630)

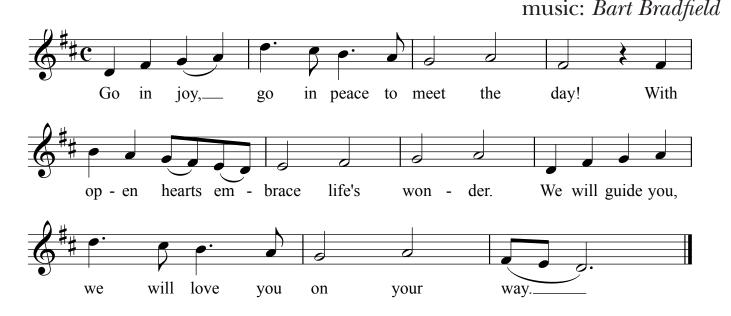
#### **GREETINGS**

# \*Hymn 163

For the Earth Forever Turning

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction ...... text: Barbara Pescan



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)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

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 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 1068

Rising Green Julie Metcalf, violin

#### **SERMON**

# SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### **ANTHEM**

Earth Blessing ...... text: *Jack Manno* (b. 1951) music: *J. David Moore* (b. 1962)

May earth's song reach us in our deepest, wildest places.

May it be heard as we move upon her, as we partake of her sustenance, as we nestle in her waters and grasses.

May we hear the voices of the stones, the winds and waters, creatures and plants, above the human chatter, softly but not silently, so we can heed them when we must.

May all those who try to conquer earth's powers learn instead from compost and humus and take from them humility, knowing any force conquered is lost forever to the conqueror.

At long last, may earth's protectors declare victory in a mighty sigh of relief.

May this sigh resound in ocean depths, and please all the watery souls.

May whales and wolves rejoice with weird shouts that all is well.

May our grandchildren's grandchildren share legends of when we brought about the end of the time of arrogance and waste.

May they toss stones from shores,

hearing our names echo in the ripples.

So May it Be.

#### **OFFERTORY**

may my heart always be open ...... text: e.e. cummings (1894 - 1962) music: Jeffrey Alan Thomson (b. 1963)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

may my heart always be open to little birds who are the secrets of living whatever they sing is better than to know and if men should not hear them men are old may my mind stroll about hungry and fearless and thirsty and supple and even if it's sunday may i be wrong for whenever men are right they are not young and may myself do nothing usefully and love yourself so more than truly there's never been quite such a fool who could fail pulling all the sky over him with one smile

#### PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

## \*HYMN 1064

Blue Boat Home

#### \*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**

\*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! 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 Alli and Taan in the Chapel to read Make Way for Ducklings.
- Kindergarten-2nd graders: Spirit Play Group ~ meet Jessica and Lale in the back of the sanctuary by the Great Doors for a Earth Day project.
- 3rd-6th graders: UU Superheroes Group ~ meet Sarah F. and Erica in the Carol Smith Room to learn about our own UU Superhero, Rev. Kim!
- 7th graders and up: meet Tammy in the Parish Hall to make charoset in honor of Passover.

## **April Share the Plate Recipients: Boston Marathon Charities**

Each week, Arlington Street Church shares half of the Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. For the month of April, we are celebrating the Boston Marathon and two special members of our community who completed the race in support of important local causes. Nikki Derome is proud to be a member of Team Hoyt, founded by Dick and Rick Hoyt, the father-son wheelchair team who inspired thousands by completing more than 30 Boston Marathons together. Nikki ran in memory of her mother, Denise Derome while raising funds for The Hoyt Foundation. Melissa Dlugolecki led Team Leyden to raise funds for Boston Children's Hospital. Named in memory of Melissa's infant daughter, Team Leyden's mission is promote research aimed at prevention, support families facing adversity, and fund the unmatched quality of care at Boston's Children's Hospital.