# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts
SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

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

#### **PRELUDE**

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

# Introit

We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every being.

## WELCOME AND GREETINGS

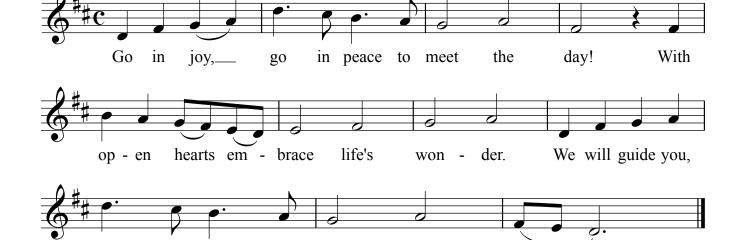
## **CHALICE LIGHTING**

#### \*Hymn 1008

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place ...... arr. Buckles

## 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!

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# COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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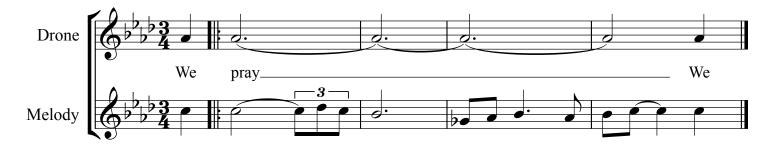
will love

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; Julie Gregorio, soprano



#### 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 1023

**Building Bridges** 

#### **SERMON**

Great Expectations ...... Joanna Lubkin

## 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 grief and comfort;

Love and passion, pain and pleasure.

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

Today's prelude and offertory are by Armenian composers, performed in remembrance of the Armenian genocide 100 years ago on April 24, 1915. *¡Presente!* 

## **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: #IamASCBoston ~ Harlow Robinson

## \* HYMN 201

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

# \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

\*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**

Epilogue on a Theme of Frescobaldi, for Pedals Alone (1951)

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

# **Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)**

Today, CRE is continuing a unit on climate justice.

- Kindergarten-2nd graders and Sandy have another opportunity to make chalices and create chalice lightings about the importance of the natural world for our Unitarian Universalist faith.
- 2nd-8th graders will hear from Claire and Lucy about their experience marching in the People's Climate March last September and how their faith inspires them to fight for climate justice.

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

The Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie is away this week. She will be back in the pulpit next Sunday!

With great joy, we welcome home Joanna Lubkin, now serving as the Intern Minister at the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Wellesley.