

May 1st Share the Plate

Today's Share the Plate will support two local organizations doing great work on the ground in Kenya with refugee relief, particularly for people who are LGBT*IQ.

RefugePoint, based in Cambridge, is an agency that stresses developing economic sustainability among refugee populations. It has had staff on the ground in Nairobi working with the LGBT*IQ refugee population there since August 2015. Funds are desperately needed to expand programs on small business development, safe housing for refugees, and sustainability. To our knowledge, no other aid agency has programming on the ground to help this vulnerable refugee population.

Spectrum Uganda Initiatives, which works with issues of HIV and health in Uganda, has maintained close contacts with many refugees in Nairobi. It is working with them to develop programs to assist with developing workable grassroots-led strategies for economic sustainability. John Wambere, who has lived in the United States since 2014, is a co-founder of Spectrum Uganda Initiatives. He maintains close contact with refugees living in both the camps and in Nairobi.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

*Tina Rose (chair) / Art Nava (vice chair)
Rick Cresta / Alex Frost / Connie Scanlon
Dave Erbe / Eve Lauria / Kerry Marshall*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Susie Nacco (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby
Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)*

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist



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SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 2016
HAPPY ORDINATION DAY, JOANNA LUBKIN!
HAPPY MAY DAY!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service or hymnal or a Braille hymnal
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

Any usher will be happy to help!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Robert Holley and Beth Robbins*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Rachel Corey*
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Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

7 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE, EQUITY, and COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE, LIBERTY, and JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 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

What a Wonderful World

Bob Thiele (1922 - 1996) and *George David Weiss* (1921 - 2010)

What the World Needs Now Is Love *Burt Bacharach* (b. 1928)

From a Distance *Julie Gold* (b. 1956)

Nicholas Place, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

In memory of David Kato Kisule Jim Tice and John Wambere

INTROIT

Love is My Religion *Ziggy Marley* (b. 1968)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

GREETINGS

*HYMN

Love to Guide Our Way text: *Matt Meyer* (b. 1982)

music: *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)

There's a truth beyond our knowledge.

There's compassion beyond our pain.

There's a spirit burning brighter.

There's a love to guide our way.

Set a Fire *Will Reagan*

Set a fire down in my soul

That I can't contain and I can't control

I want more of you, love

I want more of you, love

There's no place I would rather be

There's no place I would rather be

There's no place I would rather be

Than here in your love, here in your love!

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

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

of this congregation,

And service is our gift.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

To speak our truths in love,

And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación

Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:

Convivir en paz,

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,

Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 1014

Standing on the Side of Love arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

SERMON

Love Is My Religion Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Go Out music: *Elizabeth Alexander* (b. 1962)

text: *Alfred S. Cole* (1893 - 1977)

text is popularly attributed to *John Murray* (1741 - 1815)

Go out into the highways and by-ways

And give the people something of your new vision.

You may possess only a small light, but uncover it and let it shine.

Use it to bring more understanding to the hearts and minds of men.

Give them not Hell, but hope and courage.

Do not push them deeper into their despair,

But preach the kindness and the everlasting love of God.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY Kate Birney

In preparation for Covenant Renewal Sunday on May 15th, we will

be featuring a series of members sharing their stories of this beloved

spiritual community and why they #Leap4ASC. Thank you for your

generosity both in the offering this week and as you consider your

pledge for the upcoming church year.

OFFERTORY

Summer of Loving *Roy Zimmerman* (b. 1957)

Roy Zimmerman, guitar and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 95

There is More Love music arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

additional lyrics: *Rev. Allison Palm*

*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

Improvisation

Matt Meyer, percussion

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.

Happy May Day! Children and youth are celebrating springtime with traditional May Day activities and by writing cards (designed by Mothers Out Front) asking Governor Baker and Speaker DeLeo to support renewable energy.

- Pre-schoolers: meet Alli and Taan in the Chapel
- Kindergarten - 2nd graders: Spirit Play Group ~ meet Jessica and Lale in the Perkins Room
- 3rd graders and up: meet Peter and Erica in the Carol Smith Room

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