

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 29TH, 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

Jaime Castellanos, piano

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING

The Young Dead Soldiers

Archibald MacLeish (1892 – 1982), adapt.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

*HYMN 1010

We Give Thanks

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

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,

Fuente de amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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.

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

CANTICLE

War is Not the Answer, Never Was, Never Will

Pat Scanlon (b. 1947)

Pat Scanlon, banjo and vocals

***HYMN 159**

This is My Song

SERMON

Amplify Acknowledgment Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Young Soldier Welcome Home *Pat Scanlon (b. 1947)*

Pat Scanlon, banjo and vocals

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Prelude for Violin and Organ (1963)

Nancy Plummer Faxon (1914 – 2005)

Julie Metcalf, violin

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 298**

Wake, Now, My Senses

***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

Passacaglia in F-Sharp Minor (1990) *Jeffrey Brody (b. 1950)*

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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.

There is no formal CRE program today. Children and youth are invited to join Director of CRE, Laura Evonne Steinman and TEAM FINN as we walk around the Boston Common and Gardens to raise funds for Finn, the sheep, at The Maple Farm Sanctuary. This refuge is home to more than 100 rescued farm animals, including Finn, who was saved by this congregation in 2013.

Share the Plate ~ May

Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old who grew up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, "I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in government. However, if things don't change, I'll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail." Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence. That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

That was 1993. The next year, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chery, honored her son's dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims. This morning, and throughout May, fifty percent of our gifts in the collection plate will be shared with the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

*Rev. Kim and The Arlington Street Choir are away this week
but look forward to seeing you next Sunday.*