Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH, 2015

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING Laura Evonne Steinman

To honor Nicholas Holt-Doucette, Maya Cooleybeck, and Keenan Pontes as they bridge.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

There are true things inside of me

I have been afraid to see.

I believe, help my unbelief.

Would you say again what you said to me?

"I am loved and I am free."

I believe, help my belief.

GREETINGS

THE DEDICATION OF ISABEL & GEMMA BERMUDEZ

*Hymn 305

De Colores ~ In Celebration of Pride!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield Go in in peace to meet the day! With joy,___ go hearts em - brace life's We will guide you, op - en won der. will love way. we you on your

> 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. 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; Justin Hicks, bass



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 1064

Blue Boat Home ~ Dedicated to Isabel and Gemma

SERMON

Clearing the Spiritual Path Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Sing Joyfully William Byrd (c. 1540 - 1623)

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

*HYMN 205

Amazing Grace arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

*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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, we celebrate two important rites of passage: a (twin!) baby dedication and the bridging of three of our youth. Nicholas, Maya, and Keenan—we are so proud of you and we wish you the best as you move on to your new schools!

After the bridging and the baby dedication, children and youth of all ages are invited to the Perkins Room for a conversation about family. Who is in your family? What do you like to do together? How do you love and support each other?

Although there will no longer be grade-based CRE groups meeting on Sundays, there will be programming for children and youth through June 21. During the summer services, childcare will be provided.

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