Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2012

Flower Communion & Coming of Age Celebration

PRELUDE AND FLOWER GATHERING

Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Spring Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Molly Wood, piano
Flower Ritual Contributions
Please leave the flowers you brought for today's Flower
Communion at the Great Doors. Thank you.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (please join us!)

*Hymn 38, Morning Has Broken Molly Wood, conductor

CHALICE LIGHTING

Reading 418, Come into the Circle of Love and Justice Lena Pontes, Anna Cooleybeck, Jack DiSilvio

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

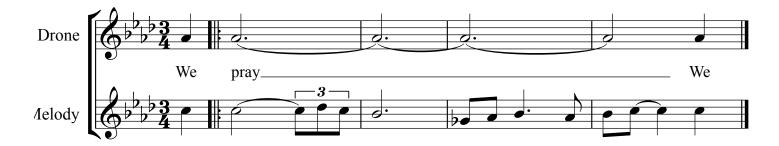
GATHERING OF THE FLOWERS Laura Evonne Steinman

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 our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and 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
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el 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.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn 188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Роем

Change Anna Cooleybeck

Homily

Parachuting Into Each Other's Lives Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Lean on Me Lena Pontes

COMING OF AGE (COA) CEREMONY Liz Weber

Responsive reading with the congregation:

Advisors: As your mentors through your Coming of Age process, we commend you, Anna, Jack, and Lena, for your dedication to your faith and your community. You have explored your spirituality, your beliefs, and your commitment to building a more just world. You have each grown immensely this year, and you have also grown together. You are no longer children; you are ready to claim your place as youth at Arlington Street Church. Do you confirm that you are ready to come of age?

Youth: Yes! Now we as youth join in the wider life of the congregation, and take up the responsibility of living in spiritual community.

Parents: With joy and pride, we affirm your coming of age. May you continue to grow into yourselves, to enjoy and serve the world around you, and to make your spiritual home here at Arlington Street Church.

Congregation: We welcome you into our beloved community. We

pledge you our support and our love. We promise to listen to you, share with you, and walk together on our spiritual journeys.

All: Congratulations! Amen.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

Salmo 150		Ernani	i Aquiar	(b.	1950)	
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Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus:	onis spiritus laudet Dominum.
Laudate Dominum in firmamento	
virtutis ejus.	Praise the Lord in his sacred places,
Laudate eum in vertutibus ejus:	praise him in the firmament of his
Laudate eum secundum	power.
multitudinem magnitudinis	Praise him for his mighty acts,
ejus.	praise him according to his excellent
	greatness.

Laudate eum in sono tubae: Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara. Laudate eum in tympano et choro: Laudate eum in chordis et organo. Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus: Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis:

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,
praise him with the psaltery and the harp.
Praise him with the drum and the dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.
Praise him with high-sounding cymbals,
praise him with cymbals of joy.

FLOWER COMMUNION Rev. Rebecca Froom Dôme épais, le jasmin (The Flower Duet), from *Lakmé Léo Delibes* (1836-1891)

Julie Gregorio, soprano; Glorizy Arroyo, mezzo-soprano

*Hymn 131

Love Will Guide Us

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

Reading 680, Because of Those Who Came Before, We Are Lena Pontes, Anna Cooleybeck, Jack DiSilvio

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (sung twice; please join us!)

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

Vivaldi's Four Seasons, Summer Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Molly Wood, piano

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

TODAY in CRE

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, we will all remain in the Sanctuary to enjoy the Coming of Age ceremony! If your child gets restless, feel free to make your way to the nursery, where the service is piped in. Go through the red doors to the right of the pulpit into the chapel, and the nursery is off the small hallway just outside the chapel.