

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 18th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Our Senior Minister, Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie, and our choir are on summer vacation. Regular services with Rev. Kim, the choir, and Children's Religious Education will resume on Homecoming Sunday, September 18th. Please bring a little water from your summer travels for our water communion celebration!

Standing on the Side of Love Fundraiser

Sunday, September 18th ~ Noon, Parish Hall

The Boston New Sanctuary Movement (BNSM) and Only A Child are combining forces for a Latin American lunch. We promise delicious food and good company. Folks from both groups will join us and Dream Act students will be our guests. After lunch we'll move to the chapel for desserts to die for, a slide show by George Leger, founder and director of Only A Child and a presentation by BNSM about their border trip in July. Students from the Student Immigrant Movement will also share their stories. We'd love your help with the event. Please contact Peter Lowber or Judy Chambliss at SocialAction@ASCBoston.org.

Whether a long-time member, a regular worshipper, or a first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you to this morning's service.

The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys. Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth.

Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts. Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

"The living tradition which we share draws from many sources including direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life."

This is the first source of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles of our free faith, please see the Our Faith brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

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

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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

THE MEMBERS ARE:

*Art Nava & Deb Pontes (co-chairs) / Carmen Griggs
Shane McBride / Karl Paulnack / Ellen Payzant
Harlow Robinson / Bob Sessions*

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

*Dan Moon (council chair) / Samuel Gloyd &
Diana Miller (co-moderators) / David McClain
(clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)*

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 in the Perkins Room for CRE. There is an adjacent toddler room for parents with children ages 1-5. Fussy babies and their parents are invited to the Nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel, where a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

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.

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2011

PRELUDE

Selections from *La Boheme* *Giacomo Puccini* (1858-1924)
Michael Sakir, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everything Must Change *Benard Ighner* (b. 1945)
vocals: Oleta Adams

CHALICE LIGHTING

May This Flame *Bets Wienecke*

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

READING

In Blackwater Woods *Mary Oliver*

*HYMN 391

Voice Still and Small

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."

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.	<i>Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.</i>
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.	<i>Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.</i>
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;	<i>Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;</i>
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.	<i>Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida</i>
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;	<i>Arráigame, libérame,</i>
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.	<i>Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.</i>

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PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

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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 114

Forward through the Ages

SERMON

Graceful Exits Sarah C. Richards

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

Everything Must Change (reprise) *Benard Ighner* (b. 1945)
vocals: Oleta Adams

RESPONSIVE READING *Rev. Max A. Coots*

When love is felt or fear is known,

When holidays and holy days and such times come,

When anniversaries arrive by calendar or consciousness,

*When seasons come, as seasons do, old and known, but somehow
new,*

When lives are born or people die,

When something sacred's sensed in soil or sky,

Mark the time.

Respond with thought or prayer or smile or grief,

Let nothing living slip between the fingers of the mind,

For all of these are holy things we will not, cannot, find again.

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Selections from *Carmen* *Georges Bizet* (1838-1875)
Michael Sakir, piano

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

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2011

All Are Welcome

**WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING FOR WORSHIP!
THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH
AFFIRMS THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON.
WE CELEBRATE UNITY IN DIVERSITY.**

This morning, we invite you to:

1. Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
2. Join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service;
3. Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
4. Please come back again soon!

Today's Speaker

Sarah C. Richards is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and a 17-year member of Arlington Street Church. A recovering academic, she finished her first year at Meadville Lombard Theological School in May, and did her Clinical Pastoral Education (chaplain boot camp) at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center this summer. In the fall, she will begin a two-year internship at First Parish in Waltham. In this, her 5th sermon at ASC, Sarah invites us to reflect on our experiences of endings and beginnings.

Speaking on August 21st

Love Will Receive Me Allison Palm

Allison Palm has been a member at Arlington Street Church for more than three years, and is about to begin her second year at Andover Newton Theological School. She currently works in the religious education program at The First Church in Belmont and will be their student minister beginning this fall.



Summer Worship Highlights

Arlington Street Church's Summer Calendar

During summer, life at Arlington Street Church slows down and *Inside Arlington Street Church* is published in this leaner format. Until Homecoming Sunday Service on September 18th, the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, www.ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar". Jeff Bouchard, our facilities manager, keeps it current.

Sanctuary Alternative for Restless Young Children

The Children's Religious Education program is on hiatus for the summer, however, parents are still invited to take restless young children to the nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel during the service, where a rocker, changing table, supplies, and toys are available. Parents will still be able to hear the piped-in service.

Opening on the Prudential Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking for a church member to fill one vacancy on the Pru. This is an elected position. If you are interested in running, or you want to nominate someone else, please contact Dan Moon at, nominating@ASCBoston.org.

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, August 15th & Wednesday, August 17th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room
Learn or improve your English! The class meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. Students are also welcome to suggest their own topic ideas. The class is taught by Ann Troise, a member of Arlington Street Church, who has been certified to teach ESL by the Boston Academy of English.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, August 17th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church.

Special Service on Sunday, September 11th

Sunday, September 11th ~ 11:00 AM, Copley Square

A special multi-congregational service is being planned to mark the passing of ten years since 9/11. The vision is that all the congregations of the Back Bay (as well as our good friend, Bilal Kaleem, and members of the Muslim American Society) will worship together in an hour-long, interfaith service of memory and hope at 11:00 on 9/11. The service will happen outside, on Copley Square or, (in the unlikely case of rain), inside Trinity Church – a space that could hold the anticipated 1,000 participants! Stay tuned for more details.

Our usual Homecoming Sunday service will happen the following week on September 18th.

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