

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2012

Welcome to Summer Services

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hymn 175, We Celebrate the Web of Life

CHALICE LIGHTING AND INVOCATION

Sixth Source: Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS ... Romans 12:9-18 NET **Fourth Source:** Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

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.

CHALLENGE TO CONFRONT AND TRANSFORM

Second Source: Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

THE GUIDANCE OF REASON

Fifth Source: Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.

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. Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today!

OFFERTORY

Colors of the Wind text: *Stephen Schwartz* (b. 1948) music: *Alan Menken* (b. 1949) Molly Wood, piano; Gwen Buttemer, oboe; Madelyn Downer, alto

ETHICAL AND SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION

Third Source: Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.

*Hymn 190

Light of Ages and of Nations

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (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

Bourrée anglaise, from Sonata in F major .. *G.F. Handel* (1685-1759) Molly Wood, piano; Gwen Buttemer, oboe

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