

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2011

WATER SERVICE

PRELUDE

Sonata in C major, KV 330 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* (1756-1791)
Molly Wood, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Come *Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. George G. Whitehouse

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. *Buckles*

Verses 1 & 2: Congregation

Verse 3: Soloists

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WATER CEREMONY Rebecca Froom

Arabesque No. 1 *Claude Debussy* (1862-1918)

Molly Wood, piano

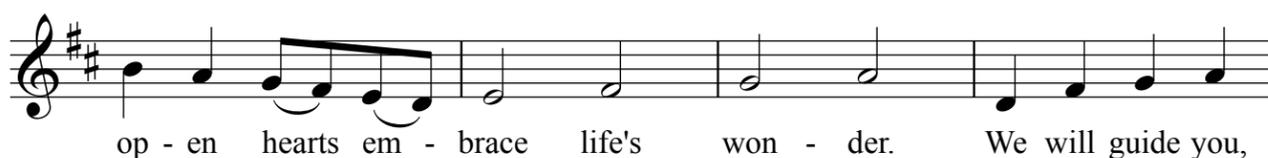
WATER DANCE Laura, Queen Cheryl, Mark, & the Children

From Water Dance *Thomas Locker*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*

music: *Bart Bradfield*



*Following the Children's Blessing, all children are always
welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!*

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; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

The image shows musical notation for the song 'Healing Prayer'. It consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Drone' and the bottom staff is labeled 'Melody'. Both staves are in 3/4 time and have a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The Drone staff contains a series of quarter notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The Melody staff contains a series of notes: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, B-flat, E-flat, A-flat. The lyrics 'We pray We' are written below the Drone staff, with a horizontal line connecting 'We' to 'We'.

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

Swimming to the Other Side *Pat Humphries* (b. 1960)
Mark David Buckles, guitar

We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in the stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

SERMON

The Fire Sermon Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray Trad., arr. *Mark D. Buckles* (b. 1980)
Shannon Rose McAuliffe, soprano

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

Prelude in E-flat Major from *Four Pieces, Op. 10*
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano *Julius Chaloff (1892-1979)*

***HYMN**

A Surprise!

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***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

Carillon de Longpont from *24 Pieces en Style Libre, Op. 31*
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

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

TODAY – September 18th, 2011

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Welcome back to all of our children and youth! Today is our water service, where we share our summer adventures and the water we've brought back from either close to home or far away. We'll be singing about water, hearing about water, and listening to water flowing!

We'll stay in the service a bit longer today, and then go down to the Perkins room to share our joys and sorrows. Then we're back up to share a special surprise with everyone in the sanctuary!

At 12:30 today in the Perkins Room is our first Sewful Sunday! Come and be creative with fibers! And, at 1:00, the CoA group will meet with Rev. Kim and Liz Weber in the Frothingham Library.

It's wonderful to have you back at Arlington Street Church!