OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Times Like This, from Lucky Stiff text: Lynn Ahrens (b. 1948) music: Stephen Flaherty (b. 1960) Julie Gregorio, soprano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

ANIMAL PROMENADE & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Chant d'oiseaux Léon Vasseur (1844 - 1917) Linli Wang, piano

> Please come up the center aisle for the blessing and return to your pew via a side aisle.

*Hymn 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

***Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice**

***RECESSIONAL** (sung twice; please join in!)

When You Walk From Here text: Linnea Good music: Tom Witt, arranged by 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 (1913) Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937) Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! Feel free to slip out as needed to the nursery, where you'll find a rocking chair, changing table, and toys. To reach the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit, cross through the chapel, and look for the door on your left before the stairs. The worship service is broadcast into the nursery for your listening pleasure!

CRE	Pre-K	Spirit Play	UU Super Heroes	Coming of
Group	(3yrs - K)	(K-2nd)	(3rd-5th)	Age
Location	Chapel	Perkins Room	Carol Smith Room	Sanctuary

In addition to hanging out with our beloved animal friends, each group will share Joys and Sorrows and discuss the First Principle Project. Please be sure your children are registered for the CRE program this year. https://goo.gl/forms/X1pHZBU8IeHprDpq1

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Tina Rose (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice chair) Dave Erbe / Lois Hartsough / Al Ingram / Eve Lauria / Art Nava / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE: Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse

(co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

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.

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 for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

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

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."

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Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Michael Hollister Candles Chaplain, Art Judge Lead Greeter, Queen Cheryl Lead Usher, Kevin Tyrrell Worship Coordinator, Rev. George G. Whitehouse and Beth Robbins Assistant Treasurers, Dave Erbe and Nancy George



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25^{TH} , 2016

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM **PROMOTES SEVEN PRINCIPLES**

~ THE FIRST PRINCIPLE ~

We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every being.

At our corporation meeting on 1/31/16, the following vote was moved and seconded: We, the members of Arlington Street Church, hereby call on the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association to vote to replace the words "every person" with the words "every being" in Article II, Principles and Purposes, Section c-2.1 Principles, Line 12, UUA Bylaws

> Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729 Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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

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 end of greetings.

The flowers on the high pulpit today were generously given in celebration of the life of Woody O'Kane, by her neighbors at Beacon House.

PRELUDE

Miroirs Maurice Ravel (1875 - 1937) II. Oiseaux Triste

Trois Véritables préludes flasques, pour un chien

Erik Satie (1866 - 1925)

II. Seul à la maison

Le carnaval des animaux Camille Saint-Saëns (1835 - 1921)

IV. Tortues

VII. Aquarium

Linli Wang, piano

WELCOME TO ALL BEINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

PetPals volunteers: Randi and Beatrix; Gloria, Maggie, and Ella-Lena; Laura Evonne, Jenna Belle, and Krowka

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

SONG

Home on the Range text: Brewster M. Higley (1823 - 1911) music: David W. Guion (1892 - 1981)

Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam, Where the deer and the antelope play, Where seldom is heard a discouraging word, And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Chorus

Home, home on the range, Where the deer and the antelope play, Where seldom is heard a discouraging word, And the skies are not cloudy all day.

How often at night when the heavens are bright, With the light from the glittering stars, Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed, If their glory exceeds that of ours.

Chorus

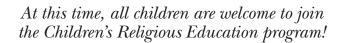
Oh give me a land where the bright diamond sand, Flows leisurely down in the stream; Where the graceful white swan goes gliding along, Like a maid in a heavenly dream.

GREETINGS

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun Mike Heron (b. 1942) from A Very Cellular Song arranged: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)



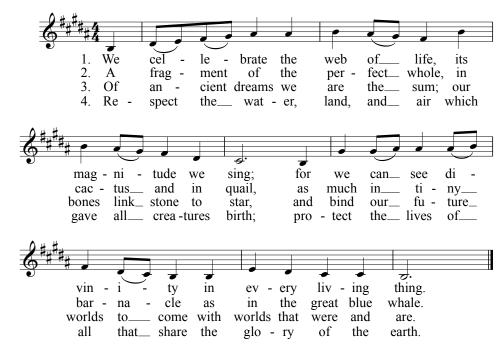


INVOCATION

The Seventh Principle Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) We believe in the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Amen.

*Нуми

We Celebrate the Web of Life text: Alicia S. Carpenter (1930 - 1990) music: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)



Open my heart to be a sanctuary All made holy, loved and true With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

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SERMON

ANTHEM

Now let us sing till the pow'r of the Lord comes down. Lift up your voice, be not afraid To sing till the pow'r of the Lord comes down.

The Lord said to Noah: "There's gonna be a flood." The Lord said to Noah: "Get your feet out of the mud!" The Lord said to Noah: "The animals coming too." The Lord said to Noah: "You can see them lining up two by two."

gleam,

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) text adapted by Crawford Harvie / Buckles music arranged by Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Julie Gregorio, soprano

the spirit	El amor es el espíritu		
ongregation,	de nuestra congregación		
vice is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.		
our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:		
l together in peace,	Convivir en paz,		
k our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,		
help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.		

What is This Life, sung to the tune of "The Water is Wide" Julie Metcalf, violin

Animal Lessons Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

Now Let Us Sing! music: Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947) text: Saint Francis of Assisi (c. 1181 - 1226), attributed and Traditional Spiritual, lyrics adapted by Gwyneth Walker

And they will sing till the pow'r To sing till the pow'r of the Lord comes down.

Lift up your voices, let them swell! The burning sun with golden beam, The silver moon with shimmering

The clouds that sail in heav'n along, The flowing water pure and clear Makes music for our list'ning ear,

The fire so masterful and bright, Which brings to us both warmth and light,

The rising morn in praise rejoice, The lights of evening find a voice, and

Sing till the pow'r of the Lord comes down.

They lift their voices, they're not afraid To sing till the pow'r of the Lord comes down.

All creatures that on earth do dwell, They lift their voices, they're not afraid Lift up your voices, let them swell! All we folk of tender heart, With lovingkindness take our part, and

All creatures that on earth do dwell, Sing till the pow'r of the Lord comes down.

We lift our voices, we're not afraid To sing till the pow'r of the Lord comes down!