Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Phone numbers
E-mail
Spouse/Partner
Children's Name(s) & Age(s)
□ I/we are visiting for the first time.
□ I/we have been attending ASC for
☐ I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
☐ How did you hear about Arlington Street?
I prefer to be contacted by:
□ Mail □ Phone □ E-mail □ No preference
I would like to know more about:
□ Membership Classes/Joining ASC □ Choir/Music
□ Social Action □ Children's Religious Education
☐ Adult Religious Education & Connections (ASC's small group ministry)
□ Young Adult Group □ Other

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, John O'Connor Lead Greeter, Art Nava Lead Usher, Dennis Haley Worship Coordinator, Charles Dimino Assistant Treasurers, Paul Babbitt and Dennis Haley

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 MEMBERS ARE:

Shane McBride (chair) / Harlow Robinson (vice-chair) / Christine Curtiss / Alex Frost Greg Haig / Dan Moon / Ellen Payzant Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Samuel Gloyd and Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators) / David McClain (clerk) Susie Nacco (treasurer)

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 in the Perkins Room 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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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2013

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Unitarian Universalism Promotes seven principles

~ OUR FIRST PRINCIPLE ~

The inherent worth and dignity of every being.

Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2013

PRELUDE

*Introit

WELCOME and CHALICE LIGHTING

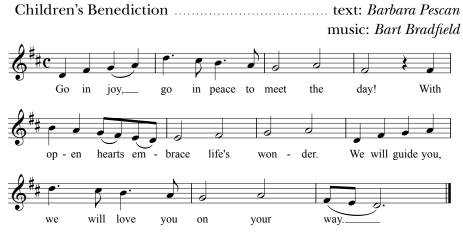
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

*HYMN 94

What Is This Life, sung to the tune of "The Water Is Wide"

CHILDREN'S BLESSING



At this time, all children are welcome to join the Children's Religious Education program!

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 words, some of us pray through action, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and to one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.



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:

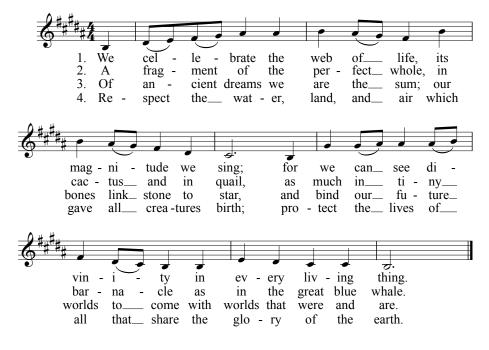
Convivir en paz,

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,

Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn

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



SERMON

The Animals' Blessing Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Animal Crackers, Vol. II text: Ogden Nash (1902-1971) music: Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

I. The Canary

The song of canaries Never varies, And when they're moulting They're pretty revolting.

II. The Eel

I don't mind eels Except as meals. And the way they feels.

III. The Kangaroo

O Kangaroo, O Kangaroo, Be grateful that you're in the zoo. And not transmuted by a boomerang Into zestful tangy Kangaroo meringue.

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

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir *Bill Staines* (b. 1947) Maria Sangiolo, guitar and vocals

ANIMAL PROMENADE & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Tales from the Vienna Woods, Op. 325 ... *Johann Strauss* (1825-1899) Molly Lozeau, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

Die Forelle (The Trout) Franz Schubert (1797-1828) Molly Lozeau, piano

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Happy Animal Blessing Sunday! Welcome to all the fuzzy, colorful beings with scales and wide eyes; welcome to all the creatures big and small! Unitarian Universalism affirms that all beings are important!

We'll have a chance to show and tell about our animals and to create a little farm in the Perkins Room. Thanks to everyone who has made this day so special!

Note: OWL meeting today at 1:15 in the Perkins Room.