

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2013

PRELUDE

The Cat, The Mouse The Camel, from *8 Preludes Op. 17*

B. van den Sigtenhorst Meyer (1888-1953)

The Swan *Camille Saint-Saens* (1835-1921)

The Squirrels' Chatter *Ernest R. Kroeger* (1862-1934)

Molly Lozeau, piano

*INTROIT

The Seventh Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We believe in the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

WELCOME and CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

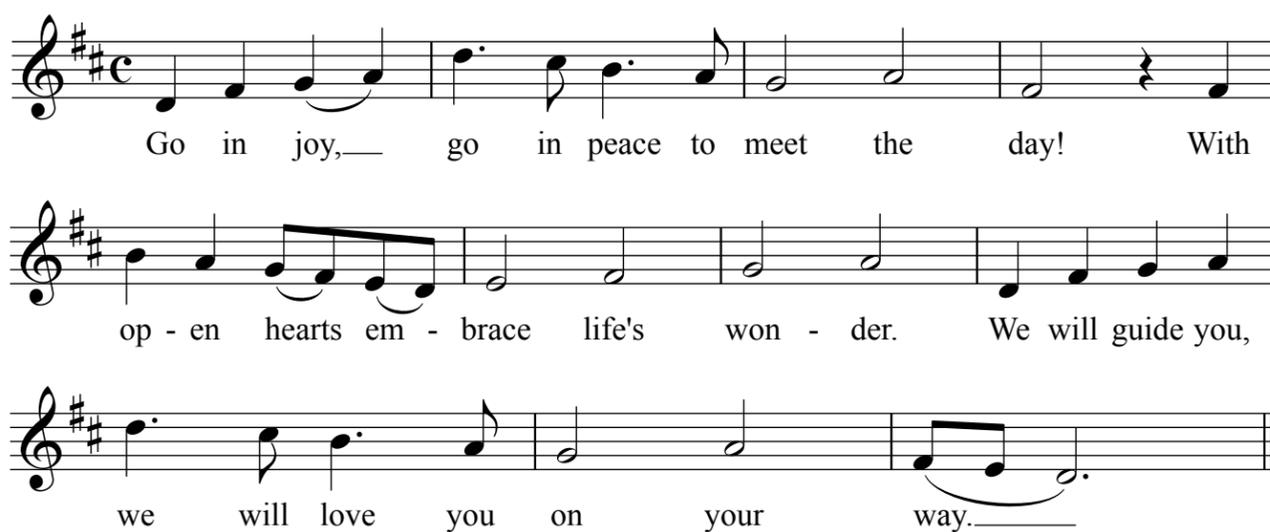
GREETINGS

*HYMN 94

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benedictiontext: *Barbara Pescan*
music: *Bart Bradfield*



Go in joy,— go in peace to meet the day! With
op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

*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*.

Healing Prayer music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

text: *African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page*

Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Julie Gregorio, soprano

The musical score for 'Healing Prayer' consists of two staves. The top staff is labeled 'Drone' and features a treble clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. It contains a series of quarter 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 bottom staff is labeled 'Melody' and features a treble clef, the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a whole note B-flat, followed by a quarter rest, then a triplet of eighth notes (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), followed by a quarter note B-flat, a quarter note E-flat, a quarter note A-flat, a quarter note B-flat, a quarter note E-flat, and a quarter note A-flat. The lyrics 'We pray' are written below the drone staff, and 'We' is written below the melody staff.

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)

The first line of musical notation for the hymn is in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of a series of quarter notes: F#, C#, G#, F#.

1. We cel - le - brate the web of life, its
2. A frag - ment of the per - fect whole, in
3. Of an - cient dreams we are the sum; our
4. Re - spect the wat - er, land, and air which

The second line of musical notation for the hymn is in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of a series of quarter notes: F#, C#, G#, F#.

mag - ni - tude we sing; for we can see di -
cac - tus and in quail, as much in ti - ny
bones link stone to star, and bind our fu - ture
gave all crea - tures birth; pro - tect the lives of

The third line of musical notation for the hymn is in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of a series of quarter notes: F#, C#, G#, F#.

vin - i - ty in ev - ery liv - ing thing.
bar - na - cle as in the great blue whale.
worlds to come with worlds that were and are.
all that share the glo - ry of the earth.

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.