Welcome!

to Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

WHETHER A LONG-TIME MEMBER, A REGULAR WORSHIPPER OR A FIRST-TIME VISITOR, WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO THIS MORNING’S SERVICE. The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a community of seekers, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys.

Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity’s sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth. Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts.

Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been “gathered in love and service for justice and peace.” The ultimate meaning we can give to our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

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☐ Adult Religious Education and Connections (ASC’s small group ministry)
☐ Choir/Music
☐ Social Action
☐ Other

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1/1/2009

Precedure

Pastorale

1. Larghetto
2. Adagio
3. Allegro
4. Presto

Hymn 23

Bring Many Names

Call To Worship

Chalice Lighting

The flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

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Ariana Valdes, soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Affirmation and Covenant

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To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación
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Esto es lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2009

Happy New Year!

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Program

Prelude

Edith F. Smith (clerk).

Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Castriotta, Doug Fiero, Danny Shaw, and Mark Watanabe. Members of the Corporation are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castronova, Doug Fiero, Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholin (Co-Chair), Mickey Randazza, Jenn Shae, and Mark Watanabe.

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**Hymn 126**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Sermon**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Happy New Year!

**Silent Reflection, Meditation, and Prayer**

**Anthem**

*My eyes for beauty pine*

music: Herbert Howell (1892 - 1993)
text: Robert Bridges (1884 - 1930)

*My eyes for beauty pine*

*My soul for Goddes grace*

*No other care nor hope is mine*

*To heaven turn my face*

*One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above*

*Tis named when God’s name is said*

*Tis love, ’sin heavenly love*

*And every gentle heart that burns with true desire*

*Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire*

**Parish Highlights and 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**

Es ist ein Ros´enstrungten

Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

Joe DiMarino, organ

**Hymn 114**

Forward Through the Ages

**Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice**

*B. M. Rolfe*

**Choral Benediction**

(sung twice; please join us!)

When you Walk From Here

music: Livien Good
text: Mark David Buckles

When you walk from here,

When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, With God’s humble care.

**Postlude**

Pastorale: Bach

IV Allegro

Joe DiMarino, organ

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

_and Service is our gift_

Rob Caddi, Candles Coordinator

Danny Fournier, Lead Greeter

Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator

Philip Roberts, Lead Usher

Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurers

**Today’s Events**

**Coffee Hour**

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Gather with Arlington Street Church’s congregation in this lively and social environment. To find the Parish Hall, head downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome.

**Children’s Religious Education**

This morning the Arlington Street Church School will begin the New Year with an offering of cookies! This is still a time for giving. Join us during coffee hour in the Parish Hall at the Cookie Corral. Please see Erick DuPree, religious educator this morning.

**Congregational Announcements**

The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

**R. M. Rolfe**

**Deepen your relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Winter 2009**

**Thursdays, January 15th and 22nd, 6:00 pm, in the Perkins Room**

If you are a newcomer; if you are growing to know us and understand your journey within our spiritual community; if you have been with us for a while; if you have taken some classes and attended some of our events, if you want to be even more deeply engaged in your own spiritual journey—we invite you to attend an upcoming Path to Membership class. A class is being offered on Thursdays, January 15th and 22nd from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Perkins Room. A second class is planned for Sunday, February 8th from 12:30 – 4:30 pm, in the Parish Hall and Sunday, February 22nd from 12:30 – 3:30 pm, in the Frothingham Library.

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The Path class is a great opportunity to meet others and share your spiritual story. You’ll also get to know members, leaders, staff, and ministers from the congregation in an informal setting. Discussion topics include: Arlington Street’s heritage and governance; UU heritage and faith; religious education; our current programs and ways to get involved; making a financial contribution to support our community; and answers to your questions. The class closes with a tour of the church and you can ring the church bells! For more information or to sign-up, visit the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour or contact Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs, by email at STThomas@ASC-Boston.org or by phone at 617.367.7050 x113

**The Worship Committee Presents …**

**Spiritual Passions, 2009**

Way back in the winter of 2003, I conducted a wedding late one Sunday afternoon and returned to the parish house to find it still buzzing with various conversations, hours after the morning worship service had concluded. In fact, there were still sixty people in the building! Right then and there, Spiritual Passions was born: an opportunity for members and friends of the Arlington Street community to offer and enjoy experiential workshops on their spiritual passions. Please plan to join us on Sundays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. (unless noted) for this winter’s fantastic line-up! - Rev. Kim

**Spiritual Passions: Introduction to Meditation**

Today, 1:00 pm in the Hunnewell Chapel

Don’t just do something; sit there! And when you sit, just sit. Very simple directives... simple, but not easy! Join Arlington Street Church’s senior minister, Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, and members of Arlington Street Zen Center for Meditation 101, including answers to burning questions such as, “Where do I put my legs?” and “How do I stop thinking (without going to sleep)?” This ancient spiritual practice will bring profound benefits not just to you, but to all whose life yours touches. Wear comfortable clothing (and yes, you can meditate in a chair!).

**Spiritual Passions: Connecting**

Sunday, January 11th, 1:00 pm in the Hunnewell Chapel

**Connections**, the small group ministry program at Arlington Street Church, begins the week of January 11th, 2009. Connections groups consist of eight to ten people who meet regularly to engage in spiritual seeking, caring, intellectual exploration, community building, and living our values. Groups are led by trained facilitators, meet bi-monthly, and occur in facilitator’s homes or here at the church. The sessions follow a prescribed format and, by all accounts, are spiritually and intellectually rewarding. Connections groups are also a great way to make new friends at the church.