



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2008

We do hereby member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association
covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity
of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations •
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our
congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning •
The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our
congregations and in world and national community with
peace, liberty, and justice for all • The interdependent web of all
existence of which we are a part • The life-giving power of love which
draws from many sources • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and
wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit
and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life • Words and
deeds of prophetic witness and challenge us to confront powers
and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power
of love • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical
and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond
to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • Humanist teachings
which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science,
and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit • Spiritual teachings of
earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct
us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. Grateful for the religious
pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen
our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter
into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

**The inherent
worth and dignity
of every person.**

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Whether you are a longtime member, a regular guest, 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 experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

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

2/24/2008

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 nametag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail
- Phone
- E-mail
- No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC
- Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)
- Other _____
- Choir/Music
- Social Action

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Boston, Massachusetts

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PRELUDE

Adagio
Siciliano

Michelle Alexander
John Travers (1703 – 1758)
John Stanley (1713 – 1786)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Boston Choral Ensemble
Lagrima di San Pietro (1594) *Orlando di Lasso* (1530/2–1594)
IX. Chi ad una ad una raccontar potesse

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

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

***HYMN 21**

For the Beauty of the Earth

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW

Rob Cuddi

You are invited to share your joys and sorrows with the congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles 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, and clicking on “Worship.”

HYMN 123 (seated)

Spirit of Life

Carolyn McDade,

Spanish trans. *Rev. Lilia Cuervo* and *Ervin Barrios*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart, all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arráigame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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 55**

Dark of Winter

ANTHEM

Lagrima di San Pietro
XXI. Vide homo

di Lasso

SERMON

Building Character

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Lagrima di San Pietro
XIV. E vago d'incontrar chi guista pena

di Lasso

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

Meditation on

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Hymn no. 199)

Rodger Vine, Piano

Thomas Dorsey (1899 – 1993)

***HYMN**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Julian B. Rush

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim people,
wandering their separate ways?

Refrain

God of Rainbow, fiery pillar
leading where the eagles soar,
we the people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care?

Refrain

We are men and we are women,
all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in the creation,
each a love song to be sung.

Refrain

As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, the global village,
might envision wider dreams

Refrain

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE

Fugue Op. 7, no. 3
from *Trois Preludes et Fugues*

Rodger Vine, Organ
Marcel Dupre (1886 – 1971)

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

Our choir is away this week.
We are grateful to Boston Choral Ensemble,
one of Arlington Street Church's Artists in Residence,
for their gift of music today.
Our choir will return next week!

...and Service is Our Gift

Michelle Alexander, Organist/Accompanist
Rob Cuddi, Candles Coordinator
Ginny Merritt and Michael Orzech,
Associate Worship Coordinators
Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator
Dayne Ripellino, Worship Coordinator in Training
Rodger Vine, Artist in Residence

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“We covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person.”

This is the first of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please turn a few pages into the hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

ALLELUIA!

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

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

Children’s Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children’s Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

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.

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.”

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of ASC. The members are: Sherene Aram, Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Charlene Galarneau, Elizabeth Lindholm, David McClain, Steven Procopio (Co-Chair), Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe (Co-Chair). Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Sarah Richards (vice-moderator), D. Richard Pooler (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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