



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2008

Easter Sunday

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 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 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.

3/23/2008

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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PRELUDE

Baby's Kicking

Joshua Rich
Joshua Rich

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The First Principle

Mark David Buckles

Ariana Valdes, mezzo soprano; David Vogel, tenor

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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 61** (See insert)

Michelle Alexander

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

Erick DuPree

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

After the chalice lighting the children are invited to leave with the Easter Bunny and Erick DuPree, children's religious educator, for fun activities in the Hunnewell Chapel. Please join in singing them out: *Go now in peace. Go now in peace May the spirit of love surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.* (HYMN 413)

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW

Dayne Ripellino

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 OLD 100TH (seated)



From all that dwell be-low the skies, let faith with hope and love a-rise Let



beau-ty, truth, and good be sung Through ev-ery land by - ev-ery tounge.

words: *Isaac Watts* (1674 – 1748) adapt. *Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie*

music: *Genevan Psalter* (1551) adapt. *Mark David Buckles*

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 269** (See insert)

Lo, the Day of Days Is Here

ANTHEM

Set Ourselves Free

Rich

SERMON

Easter, Ready or Not!

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Arlington Street Church Choir

Dance from *Invocation and Dance*

David Conte (b. 1955)

text from

Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892)

When Lilacs Last in the Door-yard Bloom'd

(See insert for text)

Christopher Wilson and Jeremy Lang, percussion

Michelle Alexander and Michael Sakir, piano

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

Rain

Rich

*HYMN 270 (See insert)

O Day of Light and Gladness

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Alleluya

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

The Hallelujah Chorus
from *Messiah*

Rodger Vine

G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

Transcribed for organ solo by *Noel Rawsthorne (b. 1929)*
Carillon de Westminster *Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937)*

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

Today's flowers are a gift from the Flower Fund,
a fund established by our generous ancestors.

Many thanks to Susie Nacco of Sirius Landscapes
for carrying out their wishes so beautifully!

...and Service is Our Gift

Danny Fournier, Head Greeter
Nancy George and Richard Pooler, Assistant Treasurers
Peter Lowber, Head Usher
Michael Orzech, Desmond Ravenstone,
Associate Worship Coordinator
Dayne Rippelino, Candles Coordinator

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 see the *Our Faith* brochure in the pew rack.

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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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 61

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

Lo, the earth awakes again, Alleluia!
from the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia!
Bring we leaf and flower and spray, Alleluia!
to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!

Once again the word comes true, Alleluia!
All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!
How are hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

HYMN 269

Lo, the Day of Days Is Here

Lo, the day of days is here, Alleluia!
Festival of hope and cheer! Alleluia!
At the south-wind's genial breath, Alleluia!
Nature wakes from seeming death, Alleluia!

Fields are smiling in the sun, Alleluia!
Loosened streamlets seaward run, Alleluia!
Tender blade and leaf appear; Alleluia!
'Tis the springtide of the year, Alleluia!

Lo, the Eastertide is here, Alleluia!
Music thrills the atmosphere. Alleluia!
Join, you people all, and sing, Alleluia!
Love and praise and thanksgiving, Alleluia!



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HYMN 270

O Day of Light and Gladness

O day of light and gladness, of prophecy and song,
what thoughts within us waken,
what hallowed mem'ries throng!

The soul's horizon widens, past, present, future blend;
and rises on our vision the life that has no end.

Earth feels the season's joyance;
from mountain range to sea
the tides of life are flowing, fresh, manifold, and free.
In valley and on upland, by forest pathways dim,
all nature lifts in chorus the resurrection hymn.

O Dawn of life eternal, to thee our hearts upraise
the Easter song of gladness, the Passover of praise.
Thine are the many mansions, the dead die not to thee,
who fillest from thy fullness, time and eternity.

ANTHEM TEXT

Invocation and Dance

David Conte (b. 1955)

text from

Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892)

When Lilacs Last in the Door-yard Bloom'd

Prais'd be the fathomless universe,
For life and joy, and for objects and knowledge curious;
And for love, sweet love—But praise! praise! praise!
For the sure-enwinding arms of cool-enfolding Death.

Dark Mother, always gliding near, with soft feet,
Have none chanted for thee a chant of fullest welcome?
Then I chant it for thee—I glorify thee above all;
I bring thee a song that when thou must indeed come,
come unfalteringly.

Approach, strong Deliveress!
When it is so—when thou hast taken them,
I joyously sing the dead,
Lost in the loving, floating ocean of thee,
Laved in the flood of thy bliss, O Death.

From me to thee glad serenades,
Dances for thee I propose, saluting thee—adornments
and feastings for thee;
And the sights of the open landscape, and the
high-spread sky, are fitting,
And life and the fields, and the huge
and thoughtful night.

Dance on! Sing praises! For life, joy, love!
Sing praise! Life!