

# 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 sorrows and joys, 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 here together 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!

## OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

"We covenant to affirm and promote the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."

This is the sixth 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 Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero, Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (Co-Chair), Mickey Randazza, Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Mary Ann Hardenbergh (vice-moderator), Karl Paulnack (Council Chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).



ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH  
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009  
COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY

We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity, and compassion in all our relations • Acceptance of transgender 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 the larger world • The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all • The interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part • The life-giving 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 which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom from the many traditions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving one another • 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  
Justice, equity,  
and compassion  
in all relations.\***

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. 5/03/2009

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     Choir/Music  
 Children's Religious Education     Social Action  
 Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Directory

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**PRELUDE**

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639  
Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641  
O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross, BWV 622

*J.S. Bach* (1685 – 1750)

Joe DiMarino, organ

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Morning Has Come

*Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and  
greet the day!  
Dance with joy and sing a  
song of gladness!  
The light of hope here shines  
upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide  
our journey home.

Open our eyes to see  
that life abounds;  
open hearts to welcome it  
among us.  
The light of love here  
shines upon each face.  
May it bring faith to guide  
our journey home.

**WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS**

Covenant 2009: Reach Deep, Aim High

Mary Beth McInerney, Paul Dakin

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**\*HYMN 118**

This Little Light of Mine

**CHILDREN'S BLESSING**

Go In Joy

text: *Barbara Pescan*  
music: *Bart Bradfield*

Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day.  
With open hearts embrace life's wonder.  
We shall guide you, we shall love you on your way.

The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick  
DuPree. All children are welcome!

**COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY**

Desmond Ravenstone

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys 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."

We Pray

music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Daniel Ross, tenor

**AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT**

Love is the spirit  
of this congregation,  
And service is our gift.

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**

Lean on Me

*Bill Withers* (b. 1938)

Mark David Buckles, guitar; Molly Wood, piano

**SERMON**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

What About You?

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

**THIS DAY!**

text: *Vítězslav Hálek* (1835 – 1874)

music: *Ann MacDonald Diers* (b. 1925)

This day was made for great rejoicing, This Day!  
This day a miracle of creation, This Day!  
The universe delight is voicing:  
Nature joins the celebration, This Day!

See how the heavens turn to crimson:  
Sunset's flaming torches are burning.  
Oh hear how the lovely nightingales sing  
Their rapturous songs of love and yearning.

The world resounds with wond'rous music  
As everything fulfills the joyous duty  
Of giving thanks for countless blessings:  
Peace and contentment, truth and beauty.

Radiant moonlight, glittering with starlight,  
Glowing with rapture and emotions.  
Now earth and heaven form a chalice,  
Drink of the boundless joy Nature holds.

**PROCESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT**

**MUSIC FOR COVENANTING**

**AND COVENANT RENEWAL 2008 – 2009**

Fantasy pieces, Op. 12.

*Robert Schumann* (1810 – 1856)

Molly Wood, piano

Everyone is invited to fill out a Pledge Sheet, pledging a gift of  
financial support for July 1st, 2009 – June 30th, 2010. When you  
are ready, wherever you are seated, please walk to the rear of the  
sanctuary, process up the right-hand aisle to the front, place your  
Pledge Sheet in the Ark of the Covenant, and return to your pew,  
walking down the center aisle.

**RECESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT**

**OFFERTORY**

Allegretto, Adagietto, and Intermezzo

*Charles Tournemire* (1870 – 1939)

**ENCORE: THE ARK RETURNS**

The announcement of today's Covenant Renewal pledge total!

**\*HYMN 116**

I'm On My Way

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

May the Prayers of Our Hearts

text: *Anonymous*  
music: *Mark David Buckles*

May the prayers of our hearts, and the songs of our lips  
Shared in this holy hour  
Be with us now and in all the days to come. Amen.

**\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**POSTLUDE**

Toccatina

*Tournemire*

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

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

**...and Service is Our Gift**

Danny Fournier, Head Greeter  
Desmond Ravenstone, Candles Coordinator  
Michael Orzech, Lead Worship Coordinator  
Philip Roberts, Head Usher, Assistant Treasurer  
Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer

**Covenant Sunday Pledge Counters**

Bill McCartin  
Katie Tyson  
Kem Morehead  
Mark MacDonnell

Mary Beth McInerney  
Paul Dakin  
Sharon Pressly-Fiero  
Susan Barclay