

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 10TH, 2009
HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity, and compassion in human 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 world affairs • The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice • The interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part • The life-giving power of love which draws from many sources • The power of the human imagination which shares with 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 women which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom, courage, and compassion which guide us in our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love • The teachings of the Unitarian Universalist tradition 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.

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AFFIRM AND PROMOTE
A free and
responsible search
for truth and meaning.**

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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. 5/10/2009

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 _____

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Boston, Massachusetts
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Boston, Massachusetts

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PRELUDE

Acht Menuette, KV 315a *W. A. Mozart (1756 – 1791)*
Molly Wood, piano

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

Give Thanks to She *Nick Page (b. 1952)*

***HYMN 357**

Bright Morning Stars

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Go In Joy *text: 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.

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

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY Todd Rinehart

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, and clicking on “Worship.”

We Pray *text: Spiritual “Balm in Gilead” and Nick Page*
Nick Page (b. 1952)
J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Daniel Ross, tenor

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit *El amor es el espíritu*
of this congregation, *de nuestra congregación*
And service is our gift. *Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.*
This is our great covenant: *Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:*
To dwell together in peace, *Convivir en paz,*
To speak our truths in love, *Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,*
And to help one another. *Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.*

***HYMN 21**

For the Beauty of the Earth

SERMON

Are We There Yet?

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

We All Come from the Goddess

Zsuzsanna Budapest (b. 1940)

We all come from the Goddess and to her we will return
Like a drop of rain flowing to the ocean.

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

Ave Maria *J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750) and*
Daniel Ross, tenor *Charles Gounod (1818 – 1893)*

***HYMN**

Oh Mama Bakudala

Trad. Xhosa (South African)

Oh Mama Bakudala Babe Thandaza
Babe thandaza, Babe thandaza

“Our mothers and grandmothers used to pray.”

***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 ho - ly hour be with us now and in
all the days to come. A - men.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE

“O Beautiful May!”, Op. 375 *Johann Strauss (1825 – 1899)*
Molly Wood, piano

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

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

...and Service is Our Gift

Alma Antioniotti, Assistant Treasurer
Gail Jennes, Assistant Treasurer
Lois Hartsough, Lead Worship Coordinator
Paul Babbit, Head Greeter
Rob Cuddi, Head Usher
Todd Rinehart, Candles Coordinator



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