

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 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!

ALLELUIA!

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

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of ASC. 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), D. Richard Pooler (treasurer), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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."



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, 2009

Everyone is encouraged to hum or sing along during the prelude, offertory and postlude!

PRELUDE

A Medley of Favorite Songs

George Gershwin (1898–1937)

S'Wonderful
They Can't Take That Away From Me
Nice Work if You Can Get It
Love is Here to Stay

Molly Wood, piano

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 207

Earth Was Given as a Garden

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Lois Hartsough

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."

*HYMN 21 For the Beauty of the Earth

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.



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NB: To reach any staff member by phone, dial 617-536-7050. When prompted, enter *8 and then their extension.

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. 7/5/2009

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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***HYMN 271**

Come Down, O Love Divine

SERMON

Desmond Ravenstone

The Forest of the Soul

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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

Prelude II
Molly Wood, piano

Gershwin

***HYMN 163**

For the Earth Forever Turning

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE

Rhapsody in Blue
Molly Wood, piano

Gershwin
arr. by Henry Levine

* 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
Kevin Turrell, Assistant Treasurer
Lois Hartsough, Candles Coordinator
Molly Wood, Collaborative Pianist
Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer
Todd Rinehart, Lead Worship Coordinator



INSIDE ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH, 2009

All Are Welcome...

**WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING FOR WORSHIP!
THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH
AFFIRMS THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON.
WE CELEBRATE UNITY IN DIVERSITY.**

This morning, we invite you to:

1. Fill in the Welcome Card found on the inside flap of this order of service and place it in the collection plate;
2. Join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall;
3. Take a moment to read through *Inside ASC* for upcoming events here at the church;
4. Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
5. Please come back again soon!

Today's Speaker

DESMOND RAVENSTONE How do you envision the soul? Several traditions say that each of us have many parts to our essential selves, including a primal self — like a dark forest at the edge of a village. How do we explore this “forest” as part of our spiritual journey, and what can be gained from it? Desmond Ravenstone has been a member of ASC for over two years, serving on the Worship Committee and as coordinator of the Sacred Eros group, as well as other efforts. He writes on the intersection of sexuality and spirituality, especially on his blog “Ravenstone’s Reflections.”

Next Week's Speaker

MICHAEL ORZECZ Sermon: “Hope.” Michael is a member of the ASC Worship and Parish Concerns Committees. He has been a member of ASC for 3 ½ years, a place he calls his spiritual home. He is a photographer with interests in political events, obscure ethnic music, art, and cooking.

Summer Worship Highlights

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community! If you're visiting Arlington Street Church, or would like more information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table. And there's always something going on at the Social Action Table. All are welcome. Enjoy!

Building Renovations

Over the course of the summer months there will be a number of building improvements made that will disrupt and displace some activities in the building.

Re-painting of the Perkins Room, and the Program Office, have already begun and will continue through July. These areas are not available for the moment for meetings or other gatherings. Beginning mid-July, the Hunnewell Chapel will be closed for an extended period of time in order to de-lead the chapel, nursery and entryway from Boylston Street. Once those areas are de-leaded, they will be repainted as well. The renovations to the Perkins Room Program Office and chapel areas are funded through a grant from the Cedar Tree Foundation along with funds restricted to improvement of the Hunnewell Chapel. We will provide additional information as to when work will be done in specific areas as the time approaches. We are working to minimize disruptions to programming and access to building spaces as much as possible.

If you have specific concerns about meeting spaces, etc., please contact the church office.

Summer Notes

“The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro”: Reading

Frederick Douglass in the Era of Barack Obama

Saturday, July 4th, 11:00 AM, Harriet Tubman Park, Intersection of Columbus Avenue & Warren Street, Boston

In his fiery July 5th, 1852 speech, the great abolitionist and orator, Frederick Douglass, took exception to being asked to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence... and on March 18th, 2008 Barack Obama challenged all Americans while delivering his “race” speech, “I have never been so naïve as to believe that we can get beyond our racial division in a single election cycle. Race is an issue this nation cannot afford to ignore right now. To work for ‘a more perfect union’ we need to start to understand complexities that we’ve never really worked through. [This] requires a reminder of how we arrived at this point.”

The Beacon Hill Scholars invite you to come and hear the words of Frederick Douglass in this community reading of his 1852 speech.

Arlington Street Church's Summer Calendar

During summer, life at Arlington Street Church slows down and *Inside Arlington Street Church* is published in this leaner format. The best way to stay up to date on the church calendar is to visit our web site. At the site, www.ASCBoston.org, there is an always-up-to-date calendar maintained by our facilities manager that lists all activities in the building.

Homecoming Sunday: September 13th

Our Senior Minister, Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie, and our choir are on vacation and will return for Homecoming Sunday, September 13th. Please bring a little water from your summer travels for our water communion celebration!