

# 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), Mark MacDonnell (Treasurer), Karl Paulnack (Council Chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).



## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

INGATHERING SUNDAY  
AND  
WATER CEREMONY

We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity, and compassion in all our relations • Acceptance of ourselves 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 • 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 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.

**WE COVENANT TO  
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. 9/13/2009

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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**PRELUDE**

Minuets, D. 41 *Franz Schubert* (1797 – 1828)  
Molly Wood, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Fourth Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

Rev. George Whitehouse

**WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS**

**\*HYMN 23**

Bring Many Names

**COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY** Kate Landis

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.”

There Will Be a Light *Ben Harper* (b. 1952)  
arr. *Buckles*

**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.

**WATER CEREMONY**

Andante spianato, Op. 22 Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek  
*Frédéric Chopin* (1810 – 1849)

**\*HYMN**

Swimming to the Other Side *Pat Humphries* (b. 1960)  
Mark David Buckles, guitar

We are living ‘neath the great Big Dipper  
We are washed by the very same rain  
We are swimming in the stream together  
Some in power and some in pain  
We can worship this ground we walk on  
Cherishing the beings that we live beside  
Loving spirits will live forever  
We’re all swimming to the other side

**SERMON**

Gratitude, After All Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

Down in the River to Pray Traditional, arr. *Buckles*  
Valerie Estle, soprano

**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**

O Waly, Waly Traditional  
arr. *Benjamin Britten* (1913 – 1976)  
Daniel Ross, tenor

**\*HYMN 126**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Verse 1–2: Congregation  
Verse 3: Soloists  
Repeat Verse 3: Congregation

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** (*sung twice; please join us!*)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*  
music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *Buckles*

When you walk from here,  
When you walk from here,  
Walk with justice,  
Walk with mercy,  
And with God’s humble care.

**\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**POSTLUDE**

Scherzo: Allegro, from *Ludwig van Beethoven* (1770 – 1827)  
Sonata Op. 2, No. 3 in C major

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

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

Alma Antioniotti, Assistant Treasurer  
Gail Jennes, Assistant Treasurer  
Rev. George Whitehouse, Lead Worship Coordinator  
Kate Landis, Candles Coordinator  
Paul Babbit, Lead Greeter  
Rob Cuddi, Lead Usher