

Today

Coffee Hour

PARISH HALL, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

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. All are welcome!

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group (ages 18 – 35) meets after the Sunday service for lunch in the Stage Right Room. You can purchase food from the Sandwich Board during Coffee Hour, or bring your own food. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

The Young Adult Group also meets two Fridays per month at 7 pm in the Perkins Room (downstairs next to the kitchen) for activities, food, and worship. All young adults are welcome!

At Your Service...

- * If you would like a large print order of service and hymns, or Brailled hymns
 - * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
 - * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance
- ... any usher will be happy to help!**

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 (vice chair), Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (chair), Karl Paulnack, Bob Sessions, and Mickey Randazza. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Rob Cotta (vice moderator), Mark MacDonnell (treasurer), Mark Watanabe (council chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2009

WELCOMING THE ADVENT SEASON



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our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter
into this covenant promising to one another our mutual trust and support.
Let Our Light Shine

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Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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PRELUDE

Selections from *Maurice Ravel (1875 – 1937)*
Mother Goose Suite (for Piano Four Hands)
Amy Lynne Menard and Mark David Buckles, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

November Alleluia *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*
Amy Lynne Menard (b. 1980)

CHALICE LIGHTING

"The Darkling Thrush," by Thomas Hardy

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, PULPIT EDITORIAL, AND GREETINGS

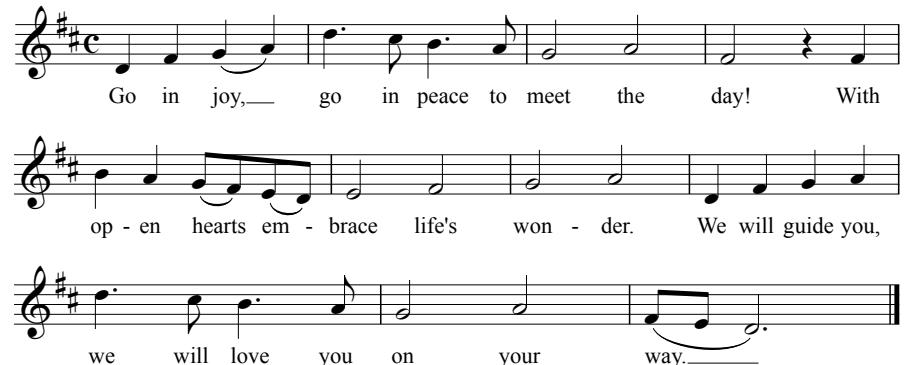
*HYMN 1

May Nothing Evil Cross This Door

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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

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."

Spirit Of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida.
Arráigame, libérame,
Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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 83

Winds Be Still

HOMILY

Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek
Welcoming Darkness, Remembering Light
(Welcoming justice, mercy, and peace)

HYMN 55

Dark of Winter

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *15th Century Franciscan Chant*
arr. Buckles/Menard

Amy Lynne Menard, viola/vocals;
Mark David Buckles, guitar/vocals

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

Kickin' The Clouds Away

George Gershwin (1898 – 1937)

*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

When You Walk From Here

(sung twice; please join us!)

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Conrad Kocher (1786 – 1872)

arr. Buckles/Menard

Amy Lynne Menard and Mark David Buckles, organ

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

Service is Our Gift

Dan Moon, Lead Usher
Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator
Linda Evans, Lead Greeter
Lois Hartsough, Candles Coordinator
Mark MacDonnell, Treasurer
Rob Cotta, Prudential Committee



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