



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2008

Santuario Sunday

We do member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association
covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity
of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations •
Acceptance of one another 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 and community with

WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

peace, liberty and justice for all • Respect for the interdependent web of all
existence • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and
wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit
and an openness to the

• The gifts which create and uphold life • Words and
deeds of prophetic witness which urge us to confront powers
and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power
of love • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspire us in our ethical
and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond

to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • Humanist teachings
which counsel us to seek the betterment of the world through the results of science,
and warn us against idolatry 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.

and justice for all.

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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 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!

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.

9/21/2008

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

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Boston, Massachusetts

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PRELUDE

Sonata in G major, opus 49, no. 2 *L. van Beethoven* (1770 – 1827)
Allegro ma non troppo
Tempo di Menuetto
Joe DiMarino, piano

THE 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

Centro Presente

Elena Letona

CHALICE LIGHTING

George Leger

Our flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

***HYMN 407**

We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

During the hymn, the children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick DuPree, our religious educator. 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 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

text: Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and *Nick Page*
music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

Ariana Valdes, soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

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 155

Circle 'Round for Freedom

SERMON

Stranger in a Strange Land

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Bonse Aba Trad. Zambian, arr. *Andrew Fisher/Mark David Buckles*

“All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.”

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

Wie Melodien

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Molly Wood, piano

*Wie Melodien zieht es
Mir leise durch den Sinn,
Wie Frühlingsblumen blüht es,
Und schwebt wie Duft dahin.
Doch kommt das Wort und faßt es
Und führt es vor das Aug',
Wie Nebelgrau erblaßt es
Und schwindet wie ein Hauch.
Und dennoch ruht im Reime
Verborgen wohl ein Duft,
Den mild aus stillem Keime
Ein feuchtes Auge ruft.*

Like a melody it passes
Softly through my mind,
Like the flowers of spring it blooms,
And floats on like a fragrance;
And the word comes and seizes it,
And brings it before my eyes
Like the grey mist it pales then,
And vanishes like a breath.
And yet there's in the rhyme
A fragrance deeply hidden,
That gently from a dormant bud
Is called forth by tear-stained eyes.

***HYMN**

This Land Is Your Land

Woody Guthrie (1912–1967)

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California, to the New York Island
From the redwood forest, to the gulf stream waters
This land was made for you and me

Mark David Buckles, guitar

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (sung twice; please join in)

When You Walk From Here

text: *Linnea Good*

music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *Mark David 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

Allegro

G. F. Handel (1685–1759)

from *Sonata in A major, opus 1, no. 3*

Joe DiMarino, organ

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

...and Service is Our Gift

Nancy George, Assistant Treasurer

George Leger, Founder and Director, *Only a Child*

Elena Letona, Executive Director, *Centro Presente*

Dan Moon, Head Usher

Art Nava, Head Greeter

Desmond Ravenstone, Worship Coordinator

Todd Rinehart, Candles Coordinator

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).

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