January Share the Plate: The LGBT+ Asylum Task Force

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBT+ individuals who are escaping discrimination and violence in their countries of origin and seeking asylum in the United States.

They are not permitted to work until they are granted a work permit and social security number, a process which can take more than a year. The mission of the Asylum Task Force is to provide them housing and financial support while they wait. In addition, we work to educate the public about this critical issue. *Thank you for your generosity*!

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY - JANUARY 27, 2019 Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service. Name Address City, State, Zip Phone numbers _____ Email Spouse/Partner Children's Name(s) & Age(s) \square I/we are visiting for the first time. □ I/we have been attending ASC for __ \Box I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.) ☐ How did you hear about Arlington Street? I prefer to be contacted by: □ Mail □ Phone □ Email □ No preference I would like to know more about: ☐ Membership Classes/Joining ASC ☐ Choir/Music □ Social Action □ Family Ministry ☐ Adult Religious Education & Connections (ASC's small group ministry) □ Young Adult Group □ Other ____

Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Lois Hartsough (chair) / Deb Pontes (co-chair) / Joe Alen / Dan Brotman / Al Ingram / Reese Millican / Alan Rodgers / Philip Roberts / Kevin Tyrrell

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Liz Teixeira (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (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.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows is closed for the winter and will open in April 2019. Please visit www.asctiffany.org for more information.

ALLELUIA!

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

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."

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, Minister at Large

Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry

Rev. Erica Rose Long

Assistant Director of Family Ministry Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

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Rev. Fred Small

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All staff members may be reached through the church office at 617-536-7050 Office@ASCBoston.org • www.ASCBoston.org

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Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

Kelly Lenahan, Collaborative Pianist and Organist

Rodger Clinton Vine, Artist in Residence

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Ann-Marie Iacoviello, Soprano

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Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

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Service is Our Gift

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Worship Coordinator, James Foleno

Assistant Treasurers, Dawn Bellamo & Reese Millican



Sunday, January 27^{th} , 2019

O Unitarian Universalist OPRINCIPLES

- 1. The inherent WORTH and DIGNITY of every being
- 2. JUSTICE, EQUITY, and COMPASSION in all relations
- 3. ACCEPTANCE of one another and encouragment of SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- . A free and responsible search for TRUTH and MEANING
- 5. The right of CONSCIENCE and the use of the DEMOCRATIC process
- 5. The goal of world community with PEACE,

 LIBERTY, and JUSTICE for all
- 7. RESPECT for the INTERDEPENDENT WEB of which we are a part
- Building BELOVED COMMUNITY by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2019

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 end of Greetings.

PRELUDE

Kelly Lenahan, piano

Introit

Be Like the Bird text: *Victor Hugo* (1802 - 1885) music: Abbie Betinis (b. 1980)

Hana Omori, soprano

Be like the bird that,

Pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight,

Feels them give way beneath her – and sings –

Knowing she hath wings.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 304

A Fierce Unrest

sung to the tune of Hymn 209 "O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls"

NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY

Responsive Reading 442 "We Bid You Welcome"

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

from A Very Cellular Song arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) May the long - time_ sun shine up - on___ you, love sur-round you, ___ your wav with - in___ you

> At this time, all children are welcome to leave with Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry!

your

way

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

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) adaptation: Crawford Harvie/Buckles arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

> Open my heart to be a sanctuary All made holy, loved and true With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you

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. Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn 1020

Woyaya

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Little Birds text: *Octavio Paz* (1914 – 1998) music: Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

(Mediodía) (Noon)

Light unblinking, La luz no parpadea, El tiempo se vacía de minutos, time empty of minutes, se ha detenido un pájaro en el aire. a bird stopped short in air.

(Mas tarde) (Later)

Se despeña la luz, Light flung down, despiertan las columnas the pillars awake y, sin moverse, bailan. and, without moving, dance.

(Pleno sol) (Full sun)

La hora es transparente: vemos, si es invisible el pájaro, el color de su canto

The time is transparent: even if the bird is invisible, let us see the color of his song.

Motivation

- First, think of something you want to achieve.
- Second, fantasize about reaching that goal, and note your top two benefits associated with it.
- Third, think about what's standing in your way. Note your top two roadblocks to success.
- Fourth, return to the first benefit. How will it make you happier?
- Fifth, return to the first roadblock. What will you do when you come to it?
- Sixth, return to the second benefit. How will it make you happier?
- And seventh, return to the second roadblock. What will you do when you come to it?

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the



OFFERTORY

larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

Hammer and a Nail Emily Saliers (b. 1963)

Mark David Buckles, vocals and guitar

Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1024

When the Spirit Says Do

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (sung twice; please join in!)

Where You Go (I Will Go) Shoshana Jedwab (b. 1964)

choral arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved

Where you go I will go

Where you go I will go, beloved

Where you go I will go

'Cause your people are my people

Your people are mine Your people are my people Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Étude Op. 25, No. 9 Frédéric Chopin (1810 - 1849) Kelly Lenahan, piano

Today in Family Ministry

Today, after the Children's Blessing, Rev. Erica and our children will gather in the Perkin's Room for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. They will read a story together and perform some short skits about how we might care for people in our communities when they are going through a hard time. The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure! continued on back