

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2016

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

## PRELUDE

Selections from the Goldberg Variations BWV 988

Deena Grier, piano

*J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750)*

## INTROIT

L'Heure Exquise (The Exquisite Hour)

text: *Paul Verlaine (1844 - 1896)*

music: *Reynaldo Hahn (1874 - 1947)*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

La lune blanche  
luit dans les bois.  
De chaque branche  
part une voix  
sous la ramée.  
O bien aimée.

L'étang reflète,  
profond miroir,  
la silhouette  
du saule noir  
où le vent pleure.  
Rêvons, c'est l'heure.

Un vaste et tendre  
apaisement  
semble descendre  
du firmament  
que l'astre irise...  
C'est l'heure exquisite!

The white moon  
Gleams in the wood;  
From every branch  
There comes a voice  
Beneath the bower  
O my love.

The pond reflects,  
Shimmering mirror,  
The silhouette  
Of the dim willow  
Where the wind laments...  
Let us dream, it is the hour.

Vast and tender  
An appeasement  
Seems to lower  
From the firmament  
Star-bedecked...  
Exquisite hour!

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

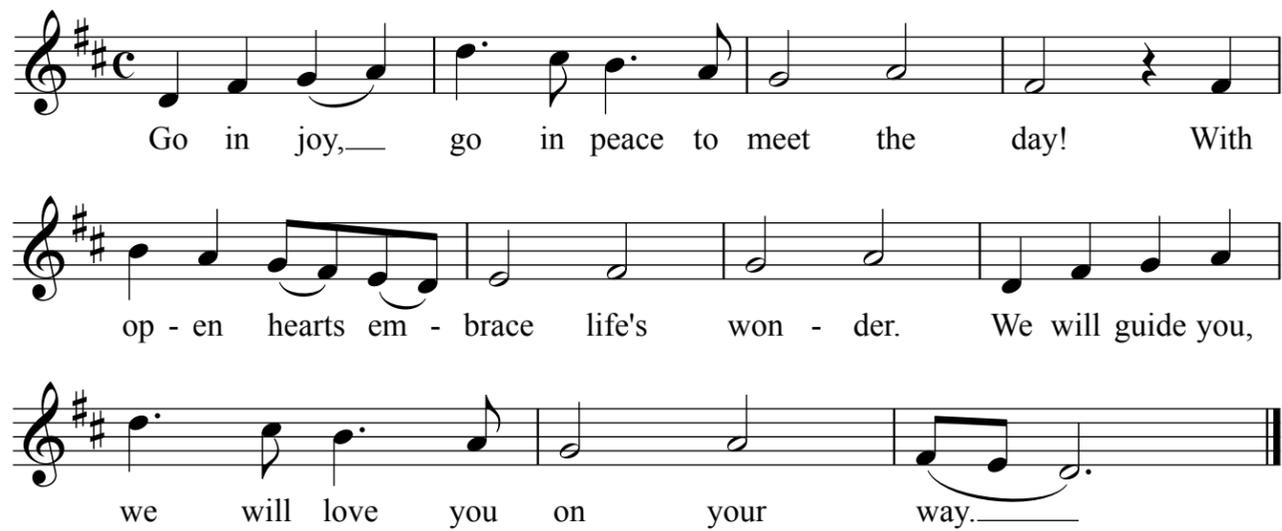
*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

## \*HYMN 1000

Morning Has Come

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction ..... text: *Barbara Pescan*  
music: *Bart Bradfiel*



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.

*At this time, all children are welcome to join  
the Children's Religious Education program!*

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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](http://ASCBoston.org), by 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 41

You That Have Spent the Silent Night

## SERMON

Successful Failure ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## CANTICLE

Grace ..... text and music: *Elizabeth Alexander* (b. 1962)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

It's how I hold my head up after I have missed the mark,  
It's how I know I'm loved when things are dark,  
It's how I stand when I am feeling small,  
How I stand again after a fall –  
It's how I'm even standing here at all:  
Some people call it Grace.

Falling down like rain on everyone,  
So warm, like greetings from the sun,  
Like a gentle snow it's making every surface glow.  
And I know I didn't earn it:  
That's how I know it's Grace.

It's how two people stay together through the many years,  
It's how a broken people sing again,  
It's how a man can overcome his shame,  
How a woman moves beyond her fears –  
It's how I know that holy is my name.  
We're all the same to Grace.

Falling down like rain on everyone,  
So warm, like greetings from the sun,  
Like a gentle snow it's making every surface glow.  
And I didn't have to earn it.  
No, I didn't have to earn it:

I didn't have to earn it through a word or through a deed,  
Or through a trial or through a creed,  
Or by denying what I need.  
I only had to reach out my hand, and it was there.  
But still it cannot take away the truths I have to face.  
Oh no, that's not how it works with Grace.

Falling down like rain on everyone,  
So warm, like greetings from the sun,  
Like a gentle snow it's making every surface glow.  
And I know I didn't earn it.  
No, I didn't have to earn it.  
I didn't have to earn it:  
That's how I know it's Grace.

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. Over 300 pledging members and friends also support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

## **OFFERTORY**

Amorosi miei giorni, from *36 Arie di Stile Antico*

*Stefano Donaudy (1879 - 1925)*

Deena Grier, piano

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

### **\*HYMN 116**

I'm On My Way

### **\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

### **\*RECESSIONAL** (*sung twice; please join in!*)

When You Walk From Here ..... text: *Linnea Good*  
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged by *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.

## **POSTLUDE**

Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum, from *Children's Corner Suite*

*Claude Debussy (1862 - 1918)*

Deena Grier, piano

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## **Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)**

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Children and youth of all ages are invited to meet in the Perkins Room to celebrate the New Year!

If you have arrived today with a baby or small child, there is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit, the room will be on your left before the stairs.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email [cre@ascboston.org](mailto:cre@ascboston.org).

*Mark David Buckles and the Arlington Street Choir  
are off today and will return next Sunday.*