

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND, 2010
COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Contradances *Ludvig van Beethoven (1770-1827)*
Molly Wood, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

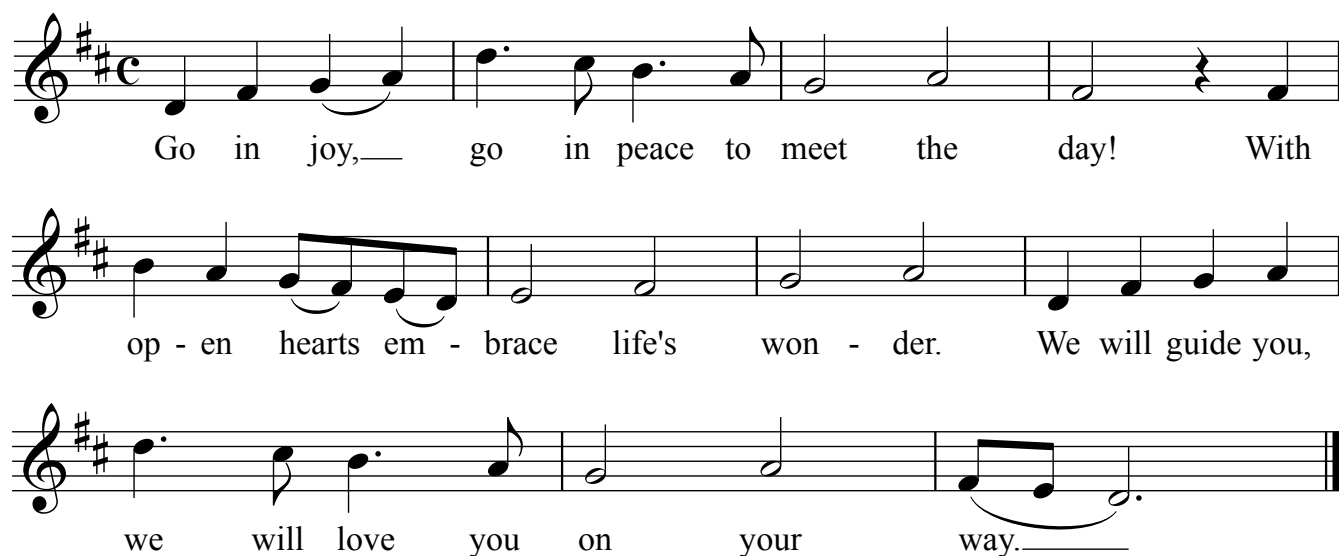
The Fourth Principl..... *arr. Mark David Buckles*

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING

CHURCH SCHOOL BLESSING

Children's Benediction *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 Sarah and JP.

All children are welcome!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

Covenant Renewal *Mary Beth McInerney*

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us

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, and clicking on "Worship."

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY *(Continued)*

There Will Be a Light..... *Ben Harper (b.1969), arr. Buckles*
Valerie Estle, soprano; Daniel Ross, tenor
(Please join us in singing)
There will be, there will be, there will be a light.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

<i>Love is the spirit</i>	<i>El amor es el espíritu</i>
<i>of this congregation,</i>	<i>de nuestra congregación</i>
<i>And service is our gift.</i>	<i>Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.</i>
<i>This is our great covenant:</i>	<i>Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:</i>
<i>To dwell together in peace,</i>	<i>Convivir en paz,</i>
<i>To speak our truths in love,</i>	<i>Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,</i>
<i>And to help one another.</i>	<i>Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.</i>

*HYMN 331

Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

SERMON

Astonishing Generosity..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

<i>Ubi Caritas.....</i>	<i>music: Paul Halley (b. 1952)</i>
<i>text: Maundy Thursday Rite, chant: Abdel Salaam, Yoruba & Khemitic</i>	
<i>Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.</i>	<i>Where there is charity and love,</i>
<i>Congregavit nos in unum</i>	<i>God is there. The love of Christ has</i>
<i>Christi amor.</i>	<i>gathered us together.</i>
<i>Oba ye, Oba yo batala.</i>	<i>Praises to Obatala, ruler of the</i>
<i>Oba ye, Oba yo O batala.</i>	<i>Heavens. Praises to Yemenja,</i>
<i>Oba ye, Oba yo Yemenja.</i>	<i>ruler of the waters of life.</i>
<i>Oba ye, Oba yo O Yemenja.</i>	<i>Praises to Ra and Ausar, rulers of</i>
<i>Oba ye, Oba yo O Ra ausar.</i>	<i>the light and the resurrected soul.</i>

PROCESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

MUSIC FOR COVENANTING AND COVENANT RENEWAL 2010 – 2011

Selections from Aida *Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)*
Molly Wood, piano



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OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Everyone is invited to fill out a Pledge Sheet, pledging a gift of financial support for July 1st, 2010 – June 30th, 2011. When you are ready, wherever you are seated, please walk to the rear of the sanctuary, proceed up the right-hand aisle to the front, place your Pledge Sheet in the Ark of the Covenant, and return to your pew, walking down the center aisle.

RECESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

OFFERTORY

Fruhlingsrauschen *Christian Sinding (1856-1941)*
(Rustlings of Spring)
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

ENCORE: THE ARK RETURNS

The announcement of today's Covenant Renewal pledge total!

***HYMN 116**

I'm On My Way

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***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.*

POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Mary Beth McInerney, *Chair, Covenant Renewal*
John Markham O'Connor, *Candles Coordinator*
George Whitehouse, *Worship Coordinator*