

February Share the Plate: Renewal House in Boston

Since 1980, Renewal House has provided temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state to provide shelter for male as well as female survivors, and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House works closely with other programs that serve the LGBTQI communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities, to support these under-served populations.

Among its many programs, Renewal House offers a 24-hour hotline, bilingual Spanish and English advocacy, support groups and pastoral counseling, English as a second language (ESL) classes and job training, and community outreach education. For more information, please visit www.uuum.org. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *John O'Connor*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*
Lead Usher, *Deb Vittner*
Worship Coordinator, *Art Nava*
Assistant Treasurer, *Nancy George & Paul Babbitt*

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.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

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:

Al Ingram (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice-chair) / Joe Alen Dan Brotman / Lois Hartsough / Eve Lauria Deb Pontes / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Art Nava (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 now open. Tours are offered Monday through Saturday through October. More information is available at www.asctiffany.org.

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*

Beth Robbins
Interim Director of Family Ministry

Erica Rose Long
*Interim Assistant Director of Family Ministry
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital*

Community Ministers

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Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Clyde Grubbs
Spiritual Director

Rev. Fred Small
Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Chaplain, Wellesley College

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All staff members may be reached
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Intern Ministers

Ali Jablonsky
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Black Lives Matter, Boston

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Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*

Daniel Padgett, *Collaborative Pianist*

Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Katie Elledge, *Soprano*

Katherine Maysek, *Alto*

Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

John Moorman, *Bass*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*

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ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018

8 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

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Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018

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 end of greetings.

PRELUDE

Lyric Pieces Op. 1 *Edvard Grieg* (1843 - 1907)
II. Waltz
III. Watchman's Song
Hymn in C Major *Timothy Dusenbury* (b. 1983)
arrangement: *Daniel Padgett*

Daniel Padgett, piano

INTROIT

Holy and Beautiful text: *R. F. Leavens*, adapted
music: *Marguerite Shaw*

Holy and beautiful the custom which brings us together
to face our ideals, and to be enlightened.

Holy and beautiful the custom which brings us together
to give thanks and to be strengthened.

Through this quiet hour breathes the worship of the ages.

Through this quiet hour we hear the sacred music of history.

Three unseen guests attend: faith, hope and love.

Let all our hearts prepare a place.

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 112

Do You Hear?

GREETINGS

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
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 1059

May Your Life Be As a Song

SERMON

The Song That Is Your Life

Interim Director of Family Ministry, Beth Robbins

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Come Love Away *Brendan Taaffe* (b. 1973)

Come, love, away,
Like the deer on the mountain,
Run swift as the morning,
O Come, love, away.

Come, love, away,
Like the bee in the orchard,
Drunk on dew and nectar,
O Come, love, away.

Now shall your heart
Be forever with my heart
Now shall your arms
Be forever my home.

Come, love, away,
To the shores of the river
Come let the water
Wash all cares away.

Come, love, away,
To the trees of the forest.
The lark sings so sweet
At the dawn of the day.

Now shall your heart
Be forever with my heart
Now shall your arms
Be forever my home.

Come, love, we'll lie
'Neath the apple in blossom
The perfume of heaven
Yes, Come, love we'll lie.

Now shall your heart
Be forever with my heart
Now shall your arms
Be forever my home.

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

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 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!

OFFERTORY

Meditation on Simple Gifts (1980) *Joseph Brackett* (1797 - 1882)
arrangement: *Virgil Fox* (1912 - 1980)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1007

There's a River Flowin' in My Soul

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,

Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.

POSTLUDE

Variations for Pedals on a Theme by Paganini (1962)
George Thalben-Ball (1896 - 1987)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

For today's intergenerational worship, children and youth are invited to sit with their families or join Allie and Lena in the balcony to enjoy the service with sermon bingo, coloring, and some of our favorite stuffed animal friends. Kids will head up to the balcony as we sing *May Your Life Be As a Song* and return during our closing hymn, *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*.

There is also a nursery set up for babies and small children with the service piped in. To find this space, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.