Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 1000 Morning Has Come

- 1. 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.
- 2. A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n. Wonder fills this moment shared together. The light of peace here shines upon each face. May it bring faith to guide our journey home.
- 3. 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, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 126

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our ears to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love, teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

- 2 Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come. See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home. Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun. When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.
- 3 Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways. Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day. Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love. With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.

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 de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Yel 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

The Prayer of Saint Francis

text: Saint Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226)

music: Joe Jencks

Chorus

Lord make me an instrument An instrument of your peace Lord make me an instrument An instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love Where there's injury, let me bring your healing, Lord Where there's a shadow of doubt within the soul Let me bring true faith in you

Chorus

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope Where there's darkness, let me always be your light Where there is sadness and grief within this world Let my life reflect your joy

Chorus

Only as we forgive can we ever be forgiven For all the harm we've caused And the good we've failed to do Only in giving can we ever hope to receive Only in dying to ourselves are we born to you

Chorus

SERMON

Tom Sawyer's Fence Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place text: *Psalm 84, adapted* music: *Johannes Brahms* (1833 - 1897)

In honor of Palm Sunday

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth,
For the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
Blest are they that dwell within thy house,
They praise thy name evermore.
How lovely is thy dwelling place!

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

Impromptu, Op. 54, No. 2 (1927) Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937) Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Parish Highlights

*Hymn

Olam chesed yibaneh Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Olam chesed yibaneh

I will build this world from love... yai dai dai And you must build this world from love... yai dai dai And if we build this world from love... yai dai dai Then G*d will build this world from love... yai dai dai

*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

Prelude for the Festival of Palms, on the Gregorian Chant Hosanna Filio David Jeanne Joulain (1920 - 2010)

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 Beth 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 *The Prayer of Saint Francis* and return during our closing hymn, Olam chesed yibaneh.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, 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.

March Share the Plate: Rise Against Hunger

For the fifth year in a row, we are teaming up with Rise Against Hunger to advance their powerful mission of eradicating world hunger by 2030!

On the afternoon of April 8th, we are transforming the Parish Hall into an all-ages assembly line. In just a few hours, we will package rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins into an astonishing 20,088 meals. To be successful, this event requires our participation in packing the meals as well as a significant financial investment. Please give generously to ensure that we can meet our goal of sending love and nourishment to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Thank you for your generosity!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Darrell Waters
Candles Chaplain, Art Judge
Lead Greeter, Queen Cheryl
Lead Usher, Deb Vittner
Worship Coordinator, Ali Jablonsky & Mandarr Brandi
Assistant Treasurers, 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!