

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2014

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

PRELUDE

Pastorella *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685-1750)
Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, organ

INTROIT

Zion's Walls *Aaron Copland* (1900-1990)
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Covenant Renewal: #ILuvASC Ellen Payzant
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

***HYMN 404**

What Gift Can We Bring

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, by clicking on "Worship."

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.	Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.	Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;	Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.	Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;	Arráigame, libérame,
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.	Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

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

RESPONSIVE READING 568

To Risk

CANTICLE

Simple Gifts *Joseph Brackett Jr. (1797-1882)*

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

Mike Ryan, guitar; Rachel Kelly, violin

Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Eve Lauria, soprano

SERMON Rev. Sarah Richards

The Gift

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

***HYMN 128**

For All That Is Our Life

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY & COVENANT RENEWAL

Judy Chambliss, Only A Child

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

Variations *Dmitri Kabalevsky (1904-1987)*

Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 331**

Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** (*sung twice; please join in!*)

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

Impromptu, Op. 54, No. 2 (1927) *Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

There is no formal CRE program while the children of our area are on spring vacation. If your young child gets restless during the service, you are welcome to use the nursery where you can hear piped in audio from the sanctuary. Older children are welcome to color at the small white table in the front of the sanctuary across from the candles table.

Note: Next week will be our special Covenant Renewal Sunday, when we pledge gifts of money and service to our spiritual community for the coming year.

The staff and the choir are away. Everyone will be back next week for Covenant Renewal Sunday!

Today, we thank Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, Glorivy Arroyo, Mike Ryan, Rachel Kelly, and Rodger Clinton Vine for their beautiful music!

Share the Plate

We have begun a new spiritual practice of generosity at Arlington Street: *Share the Plate!* Fifty percent of the money in the collection plate this month will go to Only A Child.

Founded by Arlington Street's George Leger, Only A Child maintains a group home and carpentry shop for street youth in Guatemala City. The children receive a place to belong to; a place where they are respected and cared for; a place where they can grow and develop an identity complete with confidence and self-esteem.