Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND, 2016

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.

PRELUDE

Introit

In the quiet and the stillness of the morning, In the quiet and the stillness of the day, In this quiet, holy place, I find blessed peace within,

In the quiet and the stillness of the morning.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

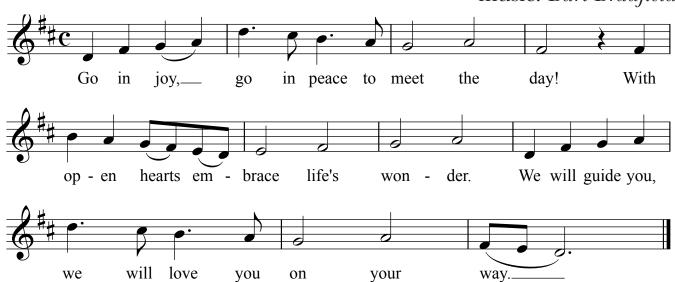
*Hymn 389 & 356

Gathered Here

Will You Seek in Far-Off Places? arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: Barbara Pescan music: Bart Bradfield



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

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) text adapted: Crawford Harvie/Buckles music arranged: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

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 77

Seek Not Afar for Beauty arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) (sung to the tune of **Hymn 164**, The Peace Not Past Our Understanding)

SERMON

Where's Home? Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Music of Living text: *Anonymous* music: *Dan Forrest* (b. 1978)

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely, Teach me to sing the words of your song; I want to feel the music of living And not fear the sad songs, But from them make new songs Composed of both laughter and tears.

Teach me to dance to the sounds of your world and your people,
I want to move in rhythm with your plan;
Help me to try to follow your leading,
To risk even falling,
To rise and keep trying
For you are leading the dance.

*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 287 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. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Hymn 1008

When Our Heart is in a Holy Place arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! There is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure if you wish. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs.

Children, youth, and volunteers are all welcome to attend the CRE endof the-year worship service in the Chapel. We will share joys and sorrows, sing, and share reflections on what we have learned together since September.

Note: There will be no formal CRE program next Sunday, May 29th. CRE children and youth are invited to walk around the Boston Common and Gardens to raise money for Finn, ASCs Christmas Eve sheep who lives at his forever home at the Maple Farm Sanctuary in Mendon, MA.

To learn more about Finn, please visit ascboston.org/programs/CRE/index.html. To donate to Team Finn, please visit www.gofundme.com/moove-it-team7.

Share the Plate ~ May

Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old who grew up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, "I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in government. However, if things don't change, I'll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail." Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence. That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

That was 1993. The next year, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chery, honored her son's dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims. This morning, and throughout May, fifty percent of our gifts in the collection plate will be shared with the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

