*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.

POSTLUDE

Linli Wang, organ

Children's Programming

The Children's Religious Education (CRE) program begins each Sunday in the sanctuary. After the opening hymn, children and youth are sung out to gather downstairs for age-appropriate CRE groups. Each group begins with a ritual of sharing sorrows and joys before their lesson. They will rejoin the larger community in the sanctuary to end the service together.

Next to the Hunnewell Chapel, there is a nursery for restless babies and their caregivers. This space offers a rocking chair, changing table with supplies, and a live audio feed of the service.

Pre-K	Spirit Play	UU Super Heroes	Coming of Age (CoA)	Youth Group
(2-5yrs)	(K-2nd grade)	(3rd-5th grade)	(6th-8th grade)	(8th-12th grade)
Hunnewell Chapel	Perkins Room	Carol Smith Room	Parish Hall / Kitchen	Sanctuary
Watch Todd Parr read The Peace Book with Allie	Mother's Day Walk for Peace posters with Nancy	Learn about Honduran environmental activist Bertha Caceres with Peter	Food as a Spiritual Practice with Vickie	Participate in the Covenant Renewal service

May Share the Plate

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.

Please join us in Roxbury next Sunday morning, behind the Arlington Street banner to walk in the 21st annual Mothers' Day Walk for Peace, sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

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:

Tina Rose (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice chair) Dave Erbe / Lois Hartsough / Al Ingram / Eve Lauria / Art Nava / 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 will begin again on May 15, 2017. Tours will be offered Tuesday through Saturday during May and Monday through Saturday from June to October. More information is available at office@ ASCBoston.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

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Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

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Hospital Chaplain, retired

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Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Patrick Cooleybeck Candles Chaplain, Art Judge Lead Greeter, Rachel Corey Lead Usher, Philip Roberts Worship Coordinator, John O'Connor Assistant Treasurers, Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder



Sunday, May 7^{th} , 2017 **COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY**



Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 2017

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 end of greetings.

PRELUDE

The Firedance	
Fiamme	Roberto Cacciapaglia (b. 1953)
Linli Wang, piano	

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

COVENANT RENEWAL: #FiredUp4ASC Tina Rose

*Hymn

Set a fire down in my soul

That I can't contain and I can't control

I want more of you, love

I want more of you, love

There's no place I would rather be

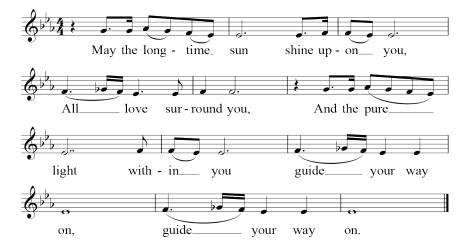
There's no place I would rather be

There's no place I would rather be

Than here in your love, here in your love!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

from A Very Cellular Song arranged: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)



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

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

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)

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

*Hymn 1028

The Fire of Commitment

SERMON

So Chocolate Bar Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Pass on the Light text: Jan Elicker (b. 1955) music: Clif Hardin (b. 1955)

See one tiny spark, still, small, and bright And hands cupped around to shield its light A single flame, born of desire, Faces turned towards its glow.

Pass on the light, pass on the light, Within these walls, steady and strong Pass on the light, pass on the light, From night to dawn, carry it on

The circle of light grows as it's passed From young hands to old and back again, Sharing youth's wonder, wisdom of age, Spreading love as it goes.

Pass on the light, pass on the light, Within these walls, steady and strong Pass on the light, pass on the light, From hand to hand, carry it on

And still is shines on, year unto year, From one tiny spark to beacon clear. Each generation lighting our way, Forward bright through the night

Pass on the light, pass on the light, Within these walls, steady and strong Pass on the light, pass on the light, From heart to heart, carry it on.

PROCESSION OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

Ring of Fire

June Carter Cash (1929 - 2003) and Merle Kilgore (1934 - 2005) Zoë Onion, trumpet; Jair Olivares, trombone

COVENANT RENEWAL

Isfahan Billy Strayhorn (1915 - 1967) and Duke Ellington (1899 - 1974) Zoë Onion, trumpet; Jair Olivares, trombone

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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

Kindling: Small Reflections on a Limitless Faith

Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

VI. Where Belief Begins

It comes down to this, in the end. And in the beginning and middle as well:

Earth, generous and visceral,

Manifested in mountains and hidden within clouds,

Familiar to rhizomes and young knees.

Air and Water, faithful channels of change,

Whose currents and cycles nudge germination

All the way through to rot and back again.

What's more, there's Fire, dazzling and improbable, Not only in the cores of planets and stars

But also in the hollow where belief begins.

Epilogue

Our search for kindling takes us far beyond ourselves -There we gather Truth and Mystery. We return in joy to tend the chalice of our hearts.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

FANFARE: THE ARK RETURNS

*Hymn 118

This Little Light of Mine

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

continued