Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2015

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

PRELUDE

Introit

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

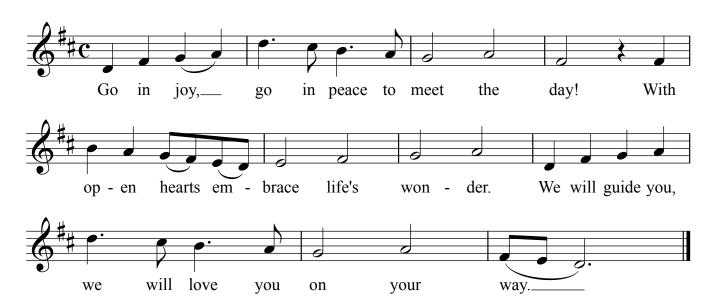
arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

In verse two, in place of young lamb, let's sing lambkin, as our own Gene Navias wrote it!

Julie Metcalf, violin

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

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."

Sanctuary John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) text adapted by Crawford Harvie / Buckles music arranged by 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 77

Seek Not Afar for Beauty sung to the tune of *Hymn 164*, The Peace Not Past Our Understanding

SERMON

The Holy in Disguise Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

How lovely are the messengers text: Romans 10:15, 10:18 music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. Over 300 pledging members and friends also support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Prelude, Op 28, No. 15 "Raindrop" ... Frédéric Chopin (1810 - 1849)

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1014

Standing on the Side of Love arr. Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

from Our Liberal Heritage Rev. Alfred S. Cole (1893 - 1977)

*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

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

When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

Excursion - Op 20, No. 11 Samuel Barber (1910 - 1981) Nicholas Place, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

This week CRE is meeting in our grade-based groups.

- Pre-school-aged children will be in the Chapel with Taan and Allie.
- Kindergarten-2nd graders will be in the Perkins Room reviewing the Unitarian Universalist Principles with Laura.
- 3rd-6th graders will be in Stage Right learning about the Unitarian Universalist Superhero Beatrix Potter with Erica.
- 7th-9th graders will please find Laura Evonne or Erica to see where you can "serve your gifts"— be helpful.

At 12:30 there is a mandatory meeting in the Perkins Room for all parents whose children are participating in the Our Whole Lives (OWL) sex education curriculum. CRE requests that families eat their lunch in the Parish Hall this week.

If you have arrived today with a baby or small child, there is a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit, through the chapel, and the room will be on your left before the stairs.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email cre@ascboston.org.