

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

WHETHER A LONG-TIME MEMBER, A REGULAR WORSHIPPER OR A FIRST-TIME VISITOR, WE WARMLY WELCOME YOU TO THIS MORNING'S SERVICE. The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys.

Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth. Through quiet prayer and meditation, beautiful music, the sharing of our joys and concerns, and the message of the pulpit, we try to create a variety of textures and perspectives to speak to many different minds and hearts.

Most significantly, since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The *Prudential Committee* is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church. The members are: Tori Bell, Marilyn Castriotta, Doug Fiero, Danny Fournier, Carmen Griggs, Elizabeth Lindholm (Co-Chair), Mickey Randazza, Jenn Shaw, and Mark Watanabe. Officers of the Corporation are Herbert Gleason (moderator), Mary Ann Hardenbergh (vice-moderator), Karl Paulnack (Council Chair), and Carol Smith (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.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available from Alison Green Will, or at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 2009

Happy New Year!

PRELUDE

Pastorale

I Larghetto
II Andante
III Adagio

Joe DiMarino, organ

J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 23

Bring Many Names

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Rob Cuddi

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 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, and clicking on "Worship."

We Pray

text: Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and *Nick Page*
music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

Ariana Valdes, soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this congregation,
And service is our gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.



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Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Please drop it into the offering plate or hand it to an usher after the service. 1/4/2009

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
 I/we have been attending ASC for _____
 I/we would like a permanent nametag(s) for Sunday worship.
(Nametags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
 Check here if you do *not* want to receive **Snapshot**, the e-newsletter of ASC with bi-weekly highlights of our community.

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone E-mail No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
 Children's Religious Education Social Action
 Adult Religious Education and *Connections* (ASC's small group ministry)
 Other _____

***HYMN 126**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SERMON

Happy New Year!

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

My eyes for beauty pine music: *Herbert Howells* (1892 – 1993)
text: *Robert Bridges* (1884 – 1930)

My eyes for beauty pine
My soul for Goddes grace
No other care nor hope is mine
To heaven I turn my face
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above
Tis named when God’s name is said
Tis love, ‘tis heavenly love
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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

Es ist ein Ros’entsprungen *Johannes Brahms* (1833 – 1897)
Joe DiMarino, organ

***HYMN 114**

Forward Through the Ages

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

R. M. Rilke

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

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

Pastorale *Bach*
IV Allegro
Joe DiMarino, organ

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

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

Today’s Events

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Gather with Arlington Street Church’s congregation in this lively and social environment. To find the Parish Hall, head downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Children’s Religious Education

This morning the Arlington Street Church School will begin the New Year with an offering of cookies! This is still a time for giving. Join us during coffee hour in the Parish Hall at the Cookie Corral. Please see Erick DuPree, religious educator this morning.

Congregational Announcements

The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

Wednesday, January 7th, 6:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

This coming Wednesday is the first of six evenings in 2009 for The Wednesdays, Arlington Street’s literary salon. Professor Alan Helms will be on hand to lead us through six of Shakespeare’s tragedies. Any text will do, as long as it has numbered acts, scenes, and lines. We’ll be reading the plays in what most people think is the chronological order of composition. The plays may be read online (see the links below).

January 7th: **HAMLET** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamlet>

January 14th: **OTHELLO** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Othello>

January 21st: **KING LEAR** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear

January 28th: **MACBETH** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth>

February 4th: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra

On February 11th, we’ll watch a DVD of one of the plays. All are welcome!

Women’s Spirituality Group

Sunday, January 11th, 12:15 PM, in the Clarke Room

We’re forming a Women’s Spirituality Group at Arlington Street Church. Our first meeting will be an informational session to determine the group’s purpose, meeting dates/times, and to brainstorm and gather ideas for topics to explore together in the next six months. Come and contemplate the spiritual side of life as well as gain opportunities to connect with other women. If you are interested in the group but can’t make the first meeting, please contact Susan Thomas by email at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050, ext. 13.

Deepen your relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Winter 2009

Thursdays, January 15th and 22nd, 6:00 PM, in the Perkins Room, or Sundays, February 8th, 12:30 PM, in the Parish Hall, and Sunday, February 22nd, in the Frothingham Library

If you are a newcomer; if you are growing to know us and understand your journey within our spiritual community; if you have been with us for a while; if you have taken some classes and attended some of our events, if you want to be even more deeply engaged in your own spiritual journey—we invite you to attend an upcoming Path to Membership class. A class is being offered on Thursdays, January 15th and 22nd from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Perkins Room. A second class is planned for Sunday, February 8th from 12:30 – 4:30 PM, in the Parish Hall and Sunday, February 22nd from 12:30 – 3:30 PM, in the Frothingham Library.

The Path class is a great opportunity to meet others and share your spiritual story. You’ll also get to know members, leaders, staff, and ministers from the congregation in an informal setting. Discussion topics include: Arlington Street’s heritage and governance; UU heritage and faith; religious education; our current programs and ways to get involved; making a financial contribution to support our community, and answers to your questions. The class closes with a tour of the church and you can ring the church bells! For more information or to sign-up, visit the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour or contact Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs, by email at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050 x13.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Spiritual Passions, 2009

Way back in the winter of 2003, I conducted a wedding late one Sunday afternoon and returned to the parish house to find it still buzzing with various conversations, hours after the morning worship service had concluded. In fact, there were still sixty people in the building! Right then and there, *Spiritual Passions* was born: an opportunity for members and friends of the Arlington Street community to offer and enjoy experiential workshops on their spiritual passions. Please plan to join us on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. (unless noted) for this winter’s fantastic line-up! - Rev. Kim

Spiritual Passions: Introduction to Meditation

Today, 1:00 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

Don’t just do something; sit there! And when you sit, just sit. Very simple directives... simple, but not easy! Join Arlington Street Church’s senior minister, Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, and members of Arlington Street Zen Center for Meditation 101, including answers to burning questions such as, “Where do I put my legs?” and “How do I stop thinking (without going to sleep)?” This ancient spiritual practice will bring profound benefits not just to you, but to all whose life yours touches. Wear comfortable clothing (and yes, you can meditate in a chair!).

Spiritual Passions: Connecting

Sunday, January 11th, 1:00 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

Connections, the small group ministry program at Arlington Street Church, begins the week of January 11th, 2009. *Connections* groups consist of eight to ten people who meet regularly to engage in spiritual seeking, caring, intellectual exploration, community building, and living our values. Groups are led by trained facilitators, meet bi-monthly, and occur in facilitator’s homes or here at the church. The sessions follow a prescribed format and, by all accounts, are spiritually and intellectually rewarding. *Connections* groups are also a great way to make new friends at the church.

... and Service is our gift

Rob Cuddi, Candles Coordinator
Danny Fournier, Lead Greeter
Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator
Philip Roberts, Lead Usher
Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurers