



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2009

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations • Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning • The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large • The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence from which we are drawn

from many sources • The experience of the transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which grows through revelation of the spirit and an openness to the future which create and uphold our words and deeds of prophetic witness and hope • The power of love, which binds us together and strengthens our ability to confront powers and structures of oppression and injustice which threaten the planet and its inhabitants • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • The eternal and universal teachings of the humanist tradition which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves • Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit • Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Whether you are a longtime member, a regular guest, 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 sorrows and joys, 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 here together 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!

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.

1/25/2009

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

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PRELUDE

Andante con moto *Ludwig van Beethoven* (1780 – 1827)
from *Piano Sonata Op. 57 “Appassionata”*

Molly Wood, piano

Yao Dance *Tieshan Liu and Yuang Mao* (China, 1952)
arr. *Qiping Yu*

Megan Savoy and Phil Savoy, gu-zheng

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Third Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Daniel Ross, tenor; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

We believe in acceptance of one another
and encouragement of spiritual growth.

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

from *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Susan Thomas
James Weldon Johnson
(1871 – 1938)

In honor of Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery’s prayer
written for the Inauguration of President Barack Obama

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

NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY

We Need One Another (Hymnal 468) *George E. Odell*

***HYMN 407**

We’re Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

During the hymn the children are invited to leave for their
classes with Erick DuPree.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY Kate Landis

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	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:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

***HYMN 16**

‘Tis a Gift to Be Simple

In honor of John Williams’ arrangement of *Air and Simple Gifts*
for the Inauguration of President Barack Obama

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Hope and Virtue

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

“Sanctus” from *Requiem*

Gabriel Fauré

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy
Dominus Deus Sabaoth	Lord, God of Hosts:
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory!
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the highest.

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

How Fair This Place

Sergi Rachmaninoff (1873 – 1943)
transcribed by *Earl Wilde* (b. 1915)

Rodger Vine, piano

CHILDREN’S HOMILY

Erick DuPree

Cheng-Shin and the Nian

THE DRAGON DANCE

Erick DuPree
and Children of the Church School
A Beautiful Woman Anonymous, from a Chinese opera
Megan Savoy and Phil Savoy, gu-zheng

HYMN

I am Willing *Holly Near* (b. 1949)
Mark David Buckles, guitar

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

from "Praise Song for the Day" *Elizabeth Alexander*

In honor of Elizabeth Alexander's poem written
for the Inauguration of President Barack Obama

POSTLUDE

New Era *Nigel Ogden* (b. 1955)
Rodger Vine, organ

Performed in honor of the
Inauguration of President Barack Obama

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

Welcome to our new members:

Glenn Guy,
Carmen Hernandez,
Richard "Doc" Kinne,
and Jonathan Plourde

...and Service is Our Gift

Nancy George, Assistant Treasurer
Kate Landis, Candles Coordinator
Peter Lowber, Lead Usher
Michael Orzech, Lead Worship Coordinator
Megan and Phil Savoy, Gu-zheng
Rodger Vine, Artist in Residence
Peter Zalewski, Lead Greeter

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“We covenant to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.”

This is the fifth of the seven principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism that our congregations covenant to affirm and promote. To read all seven, as well as the six sources of our free faith, please see the *Our Faith* brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

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

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

Children’s Religious Education classes are held during the 11:00 AM service downstairs in the Perkins Room. Infant care is provided in the nursery, right off the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to lead you and your children there. For further information about our Children’s Religious Education program, please contact the church office.

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 at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past “The Castle.”

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).

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