

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!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

"The living tradition we share draws from many sources including Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves."

This is the fourth of the six sources of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles 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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SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2009

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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. 3/01/2009

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

E-mail _____

Spouse/Partner _____

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

I/we are visiting for the first time.

I/we have been attending ASC for _____

I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)

Check here if you do not want to receive *Insights*, 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 Classes (ASC's small group ministry)
 Other _____

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PRELUDE

Jesus Christus *J. S. Bach* (1685-1750)
unser Heiland, BWV 665
Jesus Christus *Bach*
unser Heiland, BWV 626
Joe DiMarino, organ

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The First Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Daniel Ross, tenor; Ariana Valdes, soprano
We believe in the inherent worth and dignity
of every being.

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

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

***HYMN 410**

Surprised by Joy

CHILDREN'S BENEDICTION

Go In Joy *text: Barbara Pescan*
music: Bart Bradfield

Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day! With
open hearts embrace life's wonder. We will guide you,
we will love you on your way.

The children are invited to leave for their classes with Erick
DuPree. All children are welcome!

NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY

Responsive Reading 468, We Need One Another
Hymn 188, Come, Come Whoever You Are

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY Michal Orzech

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**

Show the People *James Taylor* (b. 1948)
Mark David Buckles, guitar

SERMON

The Temperature of Kindness *Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Blow ye the Trumpet *Kirke Mechem* (b. 1925)

Blow ye the trumpet, blow.
Sweet is Thy work, my God.
I'll praise my Maker with all my breath.
O happy the one who hears.
Why should we start, and fear to die,
With songs and honors sounding loud.
Blow ye the trumpet, blow.
Lovely appearance of death.
Lovely appearance of death.

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

Botschaft ("The Message") *Johannes Brahms* (1833-1897)
Op. 47, No. 1
Ariana Valdes, soprano; Molly Wood, piano
Ariana Valdes, soprano

***HYMN 354**

We Laugh, We Cry

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

May the Prayers of Our Hearts *text: Anonymous*
music: Mark David Buckles

May the prayers of our hearts and the songs of our lips
shared in this holy hour be with us now and in
all the days to come. Amen

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

Adapted from Erika Hewitt

POSTLUDE

Sortie *F. A. Guilman* (1837-1911)

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

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

...and Service is Our Gift

Desmond Ravenstone, Lead Worship Coordinator
Michael Orzech, Candles Coordinator
Phillip Roberts, Assistant Treasurer
Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurer
Danny Fournier, Lead Greeter
Phillip Roberts, Lead Usher