

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

"We covenant to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning."

This is the fourth 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), Mark MacDonnell (Treasurer), Karl Paulnack (Council Chair), and Carol Smith (clerk).



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2009

We covenant to affirm and promote • The inherent worth and dignity of every person • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations • Acceptance of transgender 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 of which we are a part. The living tradition which we share draws from many sources • Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which grows to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life • Words and deeds of prophetic witness which challenge us to confront powers and structures of domination with the transformative power of love • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires in our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings 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.

**A free and
responsible search
for truth and meaning.**

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. 3/22/2009

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 _____

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PRELUDE

Ciaconna in E minor
Tranquility
Joe DiMarino, organ

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)
G.F. Telemann (1681-1767)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Come
Molly Wood, piano

Jason Shelton (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!	Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!	open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of hope here shines upon each face.	The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.	May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

***HYMN**

Here Comes the Sun
Mark David Buckles, guitar

George Harrison (1943-2001)


CHILDREN'S BENECTION

Go In Joy

text: *Barbara Pescan*
music: *Bart Bradfield*



Go in joy, go in peace to meet the day! With



op - en hearts em - brace life's won - der. 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!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY John M. O'Connor

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)*
J. Jacob Krause, baritone; Teresa Tam, soprano

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**

Seek Not Afar for Beauty



1. Seek not a - far for beau - ty; lo! it glows
2. Go no a - broad for hap - pi - ness: for see
3. Dream not of no - ble ser - vice else - where wrought;
4. In won - der work - ings, or some bush a - flame,



In dew - wet gras - ses all a - bout thy feet;
It is a flow - er bloom - ing at thy door.
The sim - ple du - ty that a - waits thy hand
We look for love and fan - cy it con - cealed;



In birds, in sun - shine, chil - dren's fa - ces sweet,
Bring love and just - ice home, and then no more
is God's voice speak - ing a di - vine com - mand:
But in Earth's com - mon things love stands re - vealed,



in stars and moun - tain sum - mits topped with snows.
Will thou wond - er in what dwel - ling joy may be.
Life's com - mon deeds build all that saints have thought.
While grass and flowers and stars spell out God's name.

SERMON

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Nine Lives

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas *Paul Halley (b. 1950)*
Where charity and love are, God is there.

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

The Flowing Stream *Trad. Chinese Yunnan Province Folk Song*
Teresa Tam, soprano; Molly Wood, piano

***HYMN**

When Our Heart Is In a Holy Place *Joyce Poley*
arr. *Mark David Buckles*
Dan Ross, tenor; Teresa Tam, soprano

***CHORAL BENECTION**

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 ho - ly hour be with us now and in



all the days to come. A - men.

***BENECTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

Dawna Markova

POSTLUDE

Balletto del Granduca *J.P. Sweelinck (1562-1621)*
Joe DiMarino, organ

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

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you!

...and Service is Our Gift

Head Usher, Peter Lowber
Head Greeter, Peter Zalewski
Treasurer, Mark MacDonnell
Assistant Treasuer, Nancy George
Kate Landis, Worship Coordinator
John Markham O'Connor, Candles Coordinator