



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2008

We do hereby 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 the wider community with peace, liberty, and justice for all

WE COVENANT TO AFFIRM AND PROMOTE:

from many sources • Direct experience of transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us 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 evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love • Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life • Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors • 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 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!

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.

11/9/2008

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

“Louange à l’Éternité de Jésus” *Olivier Messiaen* (1908 – 1992)
from *Quartet for the End of Time*
Brandon Brooks, cello; Joe DiMarino, piano

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING 583

The Young Dead Soldiers *Archibald MacLeish*
Our flaming chalice, symbol of Unitarian Universalism, burns
in celebration of the principles and purposes of our liberal faith.

***HYMN 159**

This Is My Song

During the hymn, the children are invited to go to their classes
with Erick DuPree. All children are welcome!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF JOY AND SORROW Michael Orzech

You are invited to share your joys and sorrows 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.”

For the Beauty of the Earth

words: *Folliott Sandford Pierpont* (1835 – 1917), adapt.

music: *Conrad Kocher* (1786 – 1872), abridged



For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
For the joy of hum-an care, sis-ter, broth-er, par-ent, child,
for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
for the kin-ship we all share, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
Source of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grate-ful praise.

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.

READING

A Hard Place from *Out of the Ordinary*

Gordon B. McKeeman

*HYMN 34

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

SERMON

Now What?

Dan Kane

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

“Make Me A Garment” from *Unlocked*
Brandon Brooks, cello

Judith Weir (b. 1954)

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

“Trouble, Trouble” from *Unlocked*
Brandon Brooks, cello

Weir

***HYMN 140**

Hail the Glorious Golden City

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

POSTLUDE

Canzona IV
Joe DiMarino, organ

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583 – 1643)

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

Our choir is away this week.
We are grateful to Brandon Brooks
for his gift of music this Sunday.
Our choir returns next week
with Johannes Brahms’
How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place.

...and Service is Our Gift

Paul Babbit, Head Greeter
John Browne, David Janero, Janet McDermott,
Cathy Stacy, Ushers from New Member Class
Kate Landis, Worship Coordinator in Training
John Markham O’Connor, Lead Worship Coordinator
Michael Orzech, Candles Coordinator
Philip Roberts, Head Usher
Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder, Assistant Treasurers

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“We covenant to affirm and promote justice, equity, and compassion in all relations.”

This is the second 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 pews.

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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