



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2008

We do 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 our differences and growth in our
congregations • A free and responsible search for truth and meaning •
The right of conscience and the use of reason within our
congregations and in society at large • The goal of world community with
peace, liberty and justice for all • A web of all
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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.

12/14/2008

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

Herr Christ der einig Gottes Sohn
Overture from *Messiah*

J.P. Sweelinck (1562 – 1621)
G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
arr. *J. Walsh* (ca. 1750)

Joe DiMarino, organ

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning Has Come

Jason Shelton (b. 1972)

Molly Wood, piano; Shana Obermeit, percussion

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

Open our eyes to see that life abounds;
open hearts to welcome it among us.
The light of love here shines upon each face.
May it bring faith to guide our journey home.

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 243**

Jesus, Our Brother

THE MITTEN TREE

Following the Mitten Tree celebration, the children are invited to leave for their class with Erick DuPree. All children are welcome.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY 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.”

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.

***HYMN 239**

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Ariana Valdes, soprano

Trad. Spiritual

SERMON

Reverence

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

“Comfort ye” and “Every valley” from *Messiah*
Daniel Ross, tenor

Handel

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 ANTHEM

“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed”
from *Messiah*

Handel

*HYMN 226

People, Look East

*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.

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Toccatina in A minor
Joe DiMarino, organ

Sweetlinck

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

...and Service is Our Gift

Alma Antoniotti and Gail Jennes, Assistant Treasurers
Paul Babbit, Head Greeter
Rob Cuddi, Head Usher
Lois Hartsough, Lead Worship Coordinator
Shana Obermeit, Percussion
Michael Orzech, Candles Coordinator

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“The living tradition we share draws from many sources including direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life.”

This is the first 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).

Directory

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