

Welcome!

TO ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

WHETHER A LONG-TIME MEMBER, A REGULAR WORSHIPPER 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!

ALLELUIA!

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

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).

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 from Alison Green Will, or at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 2006

Happy Kwanzaa!

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern *D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)*
Joe DiMarino, organ

CHALICE LIGHTING

HYMN 362 (sung three times)
Rise Up, O Flame

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

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 360

Here We Have Gathered

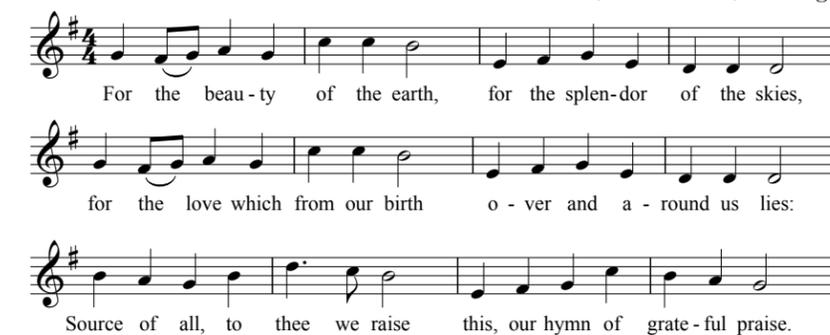
COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Rob Cuddi

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."

For the Beauty of the Earth

words: *Folliott Sandford Pierpont* (1835 – 1917), adapt.
music: *Conrad Kocher* (1786 – 1872), abridged



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. 12/28/2008

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

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

You Represent

Gail Forsyth-Vail

*HYMN 212

We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

SERMON

Lessons from Kwanzaa

Dan Kane

HYMN 147 (sung upon the kindling of the Kinara)
When All the Peoples on This Earth

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND 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

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ
Herr Christ, der einge Gottes Sohn
Joe DiMarino, organ

J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)
Bach

*HYMN 142

Let There Be Light

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her
Joe DiMarino, organ

Bach

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

... and Service is our gift

Rob Cuddi, Candles Coordinator
Nancy George, Assistant Treasurer
Peter Lowber, Lead Usher
Michael Orzech, Lead Worship Coordinator
Peter Zalewski, Lead Greeter

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Today's Events

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Gather with Arlington Street Church's congregation in this lively and social environment. To find the Parish Hall, head downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Spiritual Passions, 2009

Way back in the winter of 2003, I conducted a wedding late one Sunday afternoon and returned to the parish house to find it still buzzing with various conversations, hours after the morning worship service had concluded. In fact, there were still sixty people in the building! Right then and there, *Spiritual Passions* was born: an opportunity for members and friends of the Arlington Street community to offer and enjoy experiential workshops on their spiritual passions. Please plan to join us on Sundays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. (unless noted) for this winter's fantastic line-up! - Rev. Kim

Spiritual Passions: Introduction to Meditation

Sunday, January 4th, 1:00 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

Don't just do something; sit there! And when you sit, just sit. Very simple directives... simple, but not easy! Join Arlington Street Church's senior minister, Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, and members of Arlington Street Zen Center for Meditation 101, including answers to burning questions such as, "Where do I put my legs?" and "How do I stop thinking (without going to sleep)?" This ancient spiritual practice will bring profound benefits not just to you, but to all whose life yours touches. Wear comfortable clothing (and yes, you can meditate in a chair!).

Spiritual Passions: Connecting

Sunday, January 11th, 1:00 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

Connections, the small group ministry program at Arlington Street Church, begins the week of January 11th, 2009. *Connections* groups consist of eight to ten people who meet regularly to engage in spiritual seeking, caring, intellectual exploration, community building, and living our values. Groups are led by trained facilitators, meet bi-monthly and occur in facilitator's homes or here at the church. The sessions follow a prescribed format and, by all accounts, are spiritually and intellectually rewarding. *Connections* groups are also a great way to make new friends at the church.

Music at Arlington Street Church

First Night Organ Recital

Wednesday, December 31st, 10:00 PM, in the Sanctuary
Admission by First Night button (\$18.00)

The American Guild of Organists, Rodger Vine, and Arlington Street Church present a New Year's Eve organ recital! Three organists, Brink Bush, G. Fredrick Guzasky, and Lois Toepfner, will share in the program, playing 20 minutes each. The concert showcases Arlington Street Church's 1957 Aeolian-Skinner organ, housed in a magnificent case original to the E. and G. G. Hook organ of 1861; the Hook case pipes still provide the organ's foundation sound.

This will be the 33rd First Night Boston. Founded in 1976, First Night was started by artists who sought an alternative to traditional New Year's Eve revelry. First Night has gone from attracting about 25,000 people to drawing crowds of over one million people.

To buy First Night buttons online, visit www.firstnight.org.

Congregational Announcements

The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

Save the first six Wednesday evenings in 2009 for The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon. Professor Alan Helms will be on hand to lead us through six of Shakespeare's tragedies. Any text will do, as long as it has numbered acts, scenes, and lines. We'll be reading the plays in what most people think is the chronological order of composition. The plays may be read online (see the links below).

January 7th: **HAMLET** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamlet>

January 14th: **OTHELLO** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Othello>

January 21st: **KING LEAR** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear

January 28th: **MACBETH** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth>

February 4th: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra

On February 11th, we'll watch a DVD of one of the plays. All are welcome!

Women's Spirituality Group

Sunday, January 11th, 12:15 PM, LOCATION PLEASE

We're forming a Women's Spirituality Group at Arlington Street Church. Our first meeting will be an informational session to determine the group's purpose, meeting dates/times, and to brainstorm and gather ideas for topics to explore together in the next six months. Come and contemplate the spiritual side of life as well as gain opportunities to connect with other women. If you are interested in the group but can't make the meeting, please contact Susan Thomas by email at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050, ext. 13.



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