

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 13TH, 2012

PRELUDE

Five Piano Pieces, D. 459/459a *Franz Schubert* (1797-1828)

Molly Wood, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please join us!)*

*Hymn 108, My Life Flows On in Endless Song

CHALICE LIGHTING

Reading #573, Mothers Day Proclamation

Give Thanks to She *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction 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.

*During the Children's Blessing, all children are
always welcome to join us for Children's Religious Education!*

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 128

For All That Is Our Life

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle 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, by clicking on "Worship."

Some of us pray with our words, some of us pray through our actions, and some of us use words other than prayer to describe our connection to the divine and one another. As you feel called, please join us in singing the chorus of *Healing Prayer*.

Healing Prayer music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
text: *African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page*
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; J. Jacob Krause, baritone

Drone

We pray We

Melody

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 32

Now Thank We All Our God

READING

God is a Woman, And She is Growing Older *Margaret Moers Wenig*

CANTICLE

The Second Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Julie Gregorio, soprano

We believe in justice, equity, and compassion in all relations. Amen.

SERMON

Foremothers of Faith Rev. Dr. John Beuhrens

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Ave Maria (Hail Mary) text: *Luke 1:24,1:42, variant*
music: *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina* (1526-1594)

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 Little Horses *Traditional American Lullaby*
arr. *Aaron Copland* (1900-1990)
Glorivy Arroyo, mezzo soprano; Molly Wood, piano

***HYMN 1028**

The Fire of Commitment

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *(sung twice; please join us!)*

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt, arr. Buckles*

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God’s humble care.

POSTLUDE

Allegretto, Op. 54 *Antonín Dvorák (1841-1904)*
Molly Wood, piano

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.
Hymns numbered 1000 and higher appear in the teal hymnal,
“Singing the Journey.”*

TODAY in CRE

Children’s Religious Education (CRE)

We will be adding the finishing touches such as trees, street signs, and roads to our CRE neighborhood!

Note: Today, at 2:30 PM, is Rebecca Froom’s ordination!
All are welcome, and childcare will be provided.

PULPIT FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Greg Haig
in celebration of the Ordination of
Rebecca Heather Froom.

BOOK SIGNING TODAY

Rev. Dr. John Beuhren’s newest book, *Universalists and Unitarians in America: A People’s History*, will be available for \$15 after today’s service. John will be downstairs in the parish hall to inscribe and sign your copies!