



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

HAPPY COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY!



PRELUDE

Summerland *William Grant Still* (1895–1978)

Le Jardin *Kevin Kern* (b. 1958)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)

Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her)

INTROIT

Tending the Spark *Heather Houston*

choral arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

And we will care for each other
As the world around us unravels
And we will tend to the spark
Of hope that lives within our grieving hearts

And we are here now, in this present moment
Lifting our voices and hearts
And we are here now, we have come together
We are tending the spark... of hope... oh, may it grow

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

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

When Giving Is All We Have *Alberto Ríos* (b. 1952)
Rev. Parisa Parsa & Rev. Beth Robbins

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 347

Gather the Spirit *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

Gather the spirit, harvest the power
Our separate fires will kindle one flame
Witness the mystery of this hour
Our trials in this light appear all the same

Chorus

Gather in peace, gather in thanks
Gather in sympathy now and then
Gather in hope, compassion, and strength
Gather to celebrate once again

Gather the spirit of heart and mind
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined
With body and spirit united once more

Chorus

Gather the spirit growing in all
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun
Winter to spring, and summer to fall
The chorus of life resounding as one

Chorus

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved, and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

AFFIRMATION & 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.

COVENANT RENEWAL 2025 Dave (he/him) & Jen (she/her) Erbe



In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our
commitment of love and service and make pledges of financial
gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world.

***HYMN**

Put Your Roots Down *Molly Hartwell*

Put your roots down
Put your feet on the ground
Can you hear what she says if you listen?

Cause the sound of the river
As it moves across the stones
Is the same sound as the blood in your body
As it moves across your bones

Are you listening?

SERMON

Flourishes of Flourishing Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

COVENANT RENEWAL

Today, Arlington Street members and friends renew our great covenant of love and service and make financial pledges to sustain our beloved spiritual community. You are invited to pledge for the coming fiscal year at tinyurl.com/CovenantRenewal



If you're having any issues, our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, is standing by to help right now. Please text or call her at (617) 686-1232.

This afternoon, a member of the Reverse Telethon Team will call you to confirm the details of your pledge and say thank you!

Thank you for helping to ensure that our beloved spiritual community remains rooted and thriving!

ANTHEM

Look to This Day text: *Kālidāsa* (c. 4th–5th century Hindu)
music: *Adolphus Hailstork* (b. 1941)

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life!
The bliss of growth,
The glory of action,
The splendor of beauty.
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well-lived makes
Every yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life!
Look to this day!

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformative generosity.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. We encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

SHARE THE PLATE: SYLVIA RIVERA LAW PROJECT

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

The Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social and economic justice. SRLP seeks to increase the political voice and visibility of low-income people and people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming. SRLP works to improve access to respectful and affirming social, health, and legal services for their communities. SRLP believes that in order to create meaningful political participation and leadership, all people must have access to basic means of survival and safety from violence. Learn more at: <https://srlp.org>.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509.

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Everything Waiting to Grow *Catie Curtis* (b. 1965)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals

Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

The Joshua tree with its arms raised

The way that you found me, I said to come this way

And you never second guessed, you believed in the wild west

Come to see the ageless tree

Chorus

You know the desert won't show

Everything waiting to grow

Everything waiting to grow

The desert queen through the gold rush

Everybody dreams but now all that's left is us

We may have come here for the thrill but we stay through force of will

Come to see death valley

Chorus

Give me a little bit of rain, I wanna believe it's true

We don't wait in vain, no the desert will bloom

With all the juniper and all the willow vine

And all the beauty underneath coming up to shine

The Joshua tree in the darkness

The way that you found me, on the road to this

And we take comfort in the fact that there is no turning back

Come to see the ageless tree

Chorus

*HYMN 1017

Building a New Way *Martha Sandefer* (b. 1952)

1. We are building a new way

We are building a new way

We are building a new way
Feeling stronger every day
We are building a new way

2. We are working to be free...
...of hate and greed and jealousy
3. We can feed our every need
....start with love, that is the seed
4. Peace and freedom is our cry
...without these this world will die
5. We are building a new way...
... feeling stronger every day

FANFARE: TODAY'S GRAND TOTAL

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go
Where you go I will go, beloved
Where you go I will go

For your people are my people
Your people are mine
Your people are my people
Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

The Place Where the Wind Blows *Kwangseok Kim* (1964–1996)
Hyunju Jung, piano





Big thanks to the members of Arlington Street's Covenant Renewal Team for today's celebration of generosity and all of your work throughout the year:

Al Ingram, Chair
Mary Gillach
Harry Kelso

Rev. Parisa Parsa
Rev. Beth Robbins
Philip Roberts
Liz Teixeira, Treasurer



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

10:30 am ~ Pastoral Care Support (Sanctuary)
11:00 am ~ Covenant Renewal Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour & Potluck (Chapel & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Pastoral Care Support (Zoom)
2:00 pm ~ Reverse Telethon (Virtual)

MONDAY, MARCH 3

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)
4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)
(Prompt: If you could recommend just one book (of any genre), what would it be?)
6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)
6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Worship (First Parish Cambridge & Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 6







5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)
7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

10:30 am ~ Pastoral Care Support (Sanctuary)
11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Pastoral Care Support (Zoom)
2:00 pm ~ Memorial Service for Arielle Distel (Sanctuary & Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit ASCBoston.org.

GOOD TO KNOW!

	Discounted Sunday parking is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a coupon from an usher. Also, meters are free on Sunday!
	Thanks to Art Nava and our amazing Tech Team, replays of each Sunday service are available at youtube.com/ASCBoston . Also, be sure to subscribe to the Arlington Street Church podcast to ensure you never miss a sermon!
	To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle by 5:00 pm on Saturday. During the service, candles are always welcome in the Zoom chat.
	Providing pulpit flowers is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and give a gift the entire congregation can enjoy. Your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love will be included in the Order of Service. Please email the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org to claim your Sunday!
	If you'd like to submit an announcement, please email the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org by Wednesday evening so it can be included in the weekly e-newsletter and the Order of Service.
	These are difficult times! If you need emotional support, a listening ear, or a hug, you are warmly invited to connect. Pastoral caregivers are available at 10:30 on Sundays mornings. Look for them in the back pew on the far right as you enter the sanctuary. There is also a dedicated Zoom breakout room for pastoral care during virtual coffee hour. If you would like a check in during the week, please email Care@ASCBoston.org . <i>Love is the spirit of this congregation!</i>

Arlington Street Staff Directory

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Arlington Street Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street's elected, governing board. "The Pru" is joined by Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Liz Teixeira (Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Alan Kemp, Chair
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair

Rachel Corey
Cathy DeMatto
Hala Hazar

Art Nava
Laura Pattison
Bob Sessions

The leadership welcomes your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org.



Do you believe in magic?

Please join us
for the Arlington Street Church
2025 Annual Gala

Saturday, May 17
6pm

Masterful magicians
Alluring appetizers
Charming cocktails
Stupendous silent & live auctions

tickets
\$100 per person