



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

PRELUDE

Being Built Together *Chan-Haeng Lee*

I Do Believe *Jihye Na*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Mary Margaret Earl (she/her)

Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

The Second Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

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

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Mary Margaret Earl

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN**

Break Not the Circle text: *Rev. Fred. Kaan* (1929–2009)

music: *Michael Lehr*, adapted

Break not the circle of abiding love
Where people grow, forgiven and forgiving
Break not that circle, make it wider still
'Til it includes, embraces all the living

Join then the movement of the love that frees
'Til people of whatever race or nation
Will truly be themselves, stand on their feet

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

See eye to eye in grateful liberation

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life
Where words of freedom are with humor spoken
And people keep no score of wrong and guilt
But will that human bonds remain unbroken

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.

READING

The Sum of Us (excerpt) *Heather McGhee* (b. 1980)

SONG

Subdivision *Ani DiFranco* (b. 1970)
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals
Bek Zehr (they/them), guitar and vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano

White people are so scared of black people
They bulldoze out to the country
And put up houses on little loop-dee-loop streets
And while America gets its heart cut right out of its chest
The Berlin Wall still runs down Main Street
Separating east side from west

And nothing is stirring, not even a mouse
In the boarded-up stores and the broken-down houses
So they hang colorful banners off all the streetlamps
Just to prove they got no manners
No mercy and no sense

And I'm wondering what it will take
For my city to rise
First we admit our mistakes
Then we open our eyes
The ghosts of old buildings are haunting parking lots
In the city of good neighbors that history forgot

I remember the first time I saw someone
Lying on the cold street
I thought: I can't just walk past here
This can't just be true
But I learned by example
To just keep moving my feet
It's amazing the things that we all learn to do

So we're led by denial like lambs to the slaughter
Serving empires of style and carbonated sugar water
And the old farm road's a four-lane that leads to the mall
And our dreams are all guillotines waiting to fall

I'm wondering what it will take
For my country to rise
First we admit our mistakes
And then we open our eyes
Or nature succumbs to one last dumb decision
And America the beautiful
Is just one big subdivision

SERMON

Singing Loudly and Walking Together:

How do we keep moving forward in times like these? Rev. Mary Margaret Earl

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

*HYMN

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around *African American Spiritual*, adapted

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around
Gonna keep on walking
Keep on talking
Marching on to freedom land

Ain't gonna let no racism...

Ain't gonna let no injustice...

Ain't gonna let no apathy...

Ain't gonna let nobody...

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: UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST URBAN MINISTRY

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 Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's mission is to work across race and place to dismantle racism and white supremacy culture and to advance racial, social, and economic justice.

Over its nearly 200-year history, the Urban Ministry has created many channels to conduct its work in addressing social issues, including settlement houses and chapels, affordable housing, community centers, and service programs. Today, approximately 50 Unitarian Universalist congregations (including Arlington Street) provide both financial and volunteer support, viewing this ministry as one of their social action arms in Boston.

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

Rise Up *Andra Day* (b. 1984) & *Jennifer Decilveo*
choral arrangement: *Mac Huff* (b. 1955)

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

You're broken down and tired
Of living life on a merry go round
And you can't find the fighter
But I see it in you so we gonna walk it out
And move mountains
We gonna walk it out
And move mountains
And I'll rise up
I'll rise like the day
I'll rise up
I'll rise unafraid
I'll rise up

And I'll do it a thousand times again
And I'll rise up
High like the waves
I'll rise up
In spite of the ache
I'll rise up
And I'll do it a thousand times again
For you...

When the silence isn't quiet
And it feels like it's getting hard to breathe
And I know you feel like dying
But I promise we'll take the world to its feet
And move mountains
Bring it to its feet
And move mountains

All we need, all we need is hope
And for that we have each other

And we'll rise up
High like the waves
We'll rise up
In spite of the ache
We'll rise up
And we'll do it a thousand times again
For you...

***HYMNS**

Come and Go with Me to that Land *African American Spiritual*
One More Step *Joyce Poley (b. 1941)*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land
Where I'm bound (where I'm bound)

Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land
Come and go with me to that land

Where I'm bound

There'll be struggle in that land...

There'll be freedom in that land...

We'll be working hand in hand...

One more step,
We will take one more step,
'Til there is peace for us and everyone,
We'll take one more step

One more song
We will sing one more song
'Til every song is sung by everyone
We'll sing one more song

One more home
We will build one more home
'Til there's a place for every one of us
We'll build one more home

There'll be justice in that land...

Come and go with me to that land...

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

Coming of Age Story *Mujin Lee* (b. 2000)
Hyunju Jung, piano



*** As part of our continuing commitment to offer an authentic, inclusive welcome, we have retired the recitation of the Spanish version of our Affirmation and Covenant. We honor this tradition's history in our community and look forward to new ways of building deeper relationships with our neighbors of many cultures.*

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	Rachel Corey	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair	Hala Hazar	Bob Sessions

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

Arlington Street Staff Directory

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GOOD TO KNOW!

	<p>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!</p>
	<p>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!</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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!</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>If you need extra emotional support, a listening ear, or a hug in these difficult times, 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></p>



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 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)

MONDAY, MARCH 17

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- 6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- 5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)
(Prompt: Share a memory of your favorite spring holiday)
- 6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Worship (First Church Boston & Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)
- 8:00 pm ~ Ágora Presents: Marian Pabón Comedy Show (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- 6:30 pm ~ Ágora Presents: Jorge Arce & Zili Misik (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

- 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)
- 12:45 pm ~ Corporation Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny: Mini Quiches with Three Salads (Zoom)

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