



**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

**PRELUDE**

The Power of Your Love.....*Geoff Bullock* (b.1955)

You Were Created to Receive the Greatest Love.....*Minseob Lee*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Art Nava (He/Him)

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

**INTROIT**

There Is a Love.....*Elizabeth Norton*

Andrew Stack (He/Him), tenor

There is a Love holding me.

There is a Love holding all that I love.

There is a Love holding all.

I rest in this Love.

There is a Love holding us.

There is a Love holding all that we love.

There is a Love holding all.

We rest in this Love. We rest in this Love.

**GREETINGS** .....Darrell Waters (He/Him), Worship Coordinator

**\*1st HYMN**

Open the Door.....*Judy Collins*

Sometimes I remember the old days  
When the world was filled with sorrow  
You might have thought I was livin'  
But I was all alone

The night was callin'  
Come back, come back, I'm all you've  
ever known

In my heart the rain was fallin'  
The wind blew and

Open the door and come on in  
I'm so glad to see you my friend

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

You're like a rainbow comin around the bend  
And when I see you smilin'  
Well, it sets my heart free  
I'd like to be as good a friend to you  
As you are to me

Well, it sets my heart free  
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as you are to me

There were friends who could always see me  
Through the haze their smiles would reach me  
Saying okay, saying good-bye, saying hello  
Soon I knew just what I was after  
Was life and love, tears and laughter  
Hello, my good friend, hello my darlin  
What do you know

I used to think it was only me feeling alone  
Not feeling free to be alive to be a friend  
Now I know we all have stormy weather  
The sun shines through when we're together  
I'll be your friend right through to the end

Open the door and come on in  
I'm so glad to see you my friend  
You're like a rainbow comin around the bend  
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## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND 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 [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org).  
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

## AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit  
of this congregation,  
And service is our gift.

El amor es el espíritu  
de nuestra congregación,  
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To speak out truths in love,  
And to help one another.

Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:  
Convivir en paz,  
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,  
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

**\*2nd HYMN**

Draw the Circle Wide.....*Mark Miller* (b. 1958)

*Refrain:*

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side, draw the circle,  
draw the circle wide...

Let our hearts touch far horizons  
So encompass great and small  
Let our loving know no borders  
Faithful to G\*d's call

*Refrain*

G\*d the still-point of the circle  
Round you all creation turns  
Nothing lost but held forever  
in G\*d's gracious arms

Let the dreams we dream be larger  
Than we've ever dreamed before  
Let the dream of Christ be in us  
Open every door!

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

**SERMON**

Open the Door .....*Art Nava*

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

Lean Away.....*Music & Lyrics by Gene Scheer* (b. 1958)

Andrew Stack, tenor  
Hyunju Jung, piano

I let my sail out slowly, taking pains to  
find the wind.  
But until I turned my boat away, the sail  
could not be trimmed.  
Tacking towards the wind, but never face  
to face.

I feel what I don't see: an invisible  
embrace.  
Lean away, lean away. Some things can't  
be known,  
like the wind that takes you home.

<p>I remember hearing a melody, but when I started to describe all the things it made me feel, it's spirit slowly died. Now I choose to hum the things I cannot explain. And feel my roots spread out like a tree that drinks the rain. Lean away, lean away. Some things can't be known, like the wonder of a melody, how it makes you feel home.</p>	<p>I remember when I saw you. It was a cold winter night. The moon was hidden by the clouds. I remember only light. I have searched to find a way love to understand. But I finally gave up trying. It's enough to hold your hand. Lean away, lean away. Some things can't be known, like the love I feel for you, how it makes me feel home.</p>
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## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Since 1729, the support of our community has allowed Arlington Street to thrive as a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. This congregation is entirely self-supporting. 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 transformational generosity. Please consider making a special gift to this morning's offering.



### WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://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're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira at [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Treasurer@ASCBoston.org). Rev Beth and many of our most devoted members and friends pledge 5-10% of their income each year. In addition, 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!

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

## SHARE THE PLATE

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street. 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.

Since September, we have given generously to many causes about which we are passionate including International Medical Corps, NEADS service dogs, Best Friends Animal Society, Only a Child (Guatemala), Friday Night Supper Program, Lend a Hand, Renewal House, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and Gay for Good.

During the summer months, our Share the Plate offerings are saved for future emergencies and to help in rescue and rebuilding efforts following natural (and unnatural) disasters, amplifying our impact around the world.

To make your gift, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC); scan the QR code above; or text the amount you want to give and the word **SHARE** (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY

L'Ondine et le pecheur.....*Anton Schmoll(1841-1925)*  
Hyunju Jung, piano

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN #1017

Building a New Way..... *Martha Sandefer*

We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way.  
We are building a new way,  
feeling stronger ev'ry day,  
We are building a new way.

We can feed our every need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need.  
We can feed our ev'ry need,  
Start with love, that is the seed.  
We can feed our every need.

We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free.  
We are working to be free,  
hate and greed and jealousy.  
We are working to be free.

Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.  
Peace and freedom is our cry,  
Without these this world will die.  
Peace and freedom is our cry.

## BENEDICTION AND 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	For your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your people are mine
Where you go I will go, beloved	Your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your divine, my divine

**POSTLUDE**

In Your Heart at this Moment.....*Suji Kim*  
*Hyunju Jung*, piano



*\* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish, we follow the tradition of not spelling out G\*d's name.*

**Flowers on the High Pulpit**

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love. You can have flowers delivered or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space). Please email [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org) to claim your date! *Thank you!*