

# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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# **PRELUDE** Just As I Am.......Jieun Kim Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT Rich Abreu (He/Him) The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith. **INTROIT** Sam LaGrego (He/Him), tenor Morning has broken like the first Praise for the sweetness of the wet morning, garden, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. sprung in completeness where G\*d's feet Praise for the singing! Praise for the pass. morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning Word! born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from G\*d's recreation of the new day! heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. GREETINGS ......Art Nava (He/Him), Worship Coordinator

### \*HYMN #1020

We are going, It will be hard, we know,

heaven knows where we are going, and the road will be muddy and rough,

but we know within. but we'll get there,

heaven knows how we will get there,

but we know we will.

And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there,

but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya,

# 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.

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.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

To speak out truths in love,

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,

And to help one another.

Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

### \*HYMN #1064

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,

Though below me, I feel no motion making our way by the lights of the standing on these mountains and plains. heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

### **SERMON**

Weightlessness......Rich Abreu

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## **ANTHEM**

Sam LaGrego, tenor Hyunju Jung, piano

Well, I started out down a dirty road Started out all alone And the sun went down as I crossed the hill

And the town lit up, the world got still

I'm learning to fly but I ain't got wings Coming down is the hardest thing Well, the good old days may not return And the rocks might melt and the sea may burn

I'm learning to fly (Learning to fly)
But I ain't got wings (Learning to fly)
Coming down (Learning to fly)
Is the hardest thing (Learning to fly)

Well, some say life will beat you down Break your heart, steal your crown So I've started out for G\*d knows where I'm learning to fly (Learning to fly)
I guess I'll know when I get there Around the clouds

I'm learning to fly around the clouds But what goes up (Learning to fly) Must come down

I'm learning to fly (Learning to fly) But I ain't got wings Coming down is the hardest thing Around the clouds
But what goes up (Learning to fly)
Must come down
I'm learning to fly (Learning to fly,
learning to fly)
I'm learning to fly (Learning to fly,
learning to fly)
(Learning to fly)
(Learning to fly)

## **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 <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>
- 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 or by contacting Liz Teixeira at 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; 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**

### PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN #1017

We are building a new way.

We can feed our every need.

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We can feed our ev'ry need.

We can feed our ev'ry need,

We can feed our ev'ry need,

Start with love, that is the seed.

We are building a new way.

We can feed our every need.

We are working to be free.

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Peace and freedom is our cry.

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Peace and freedom is our cry,

Without these this world will die.

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## BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

### RECESSIONAL

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**



\* 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 to claim your date! *Thank you!*