



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

**PRELUDE**

Meditation No. 1 ..... *John Kramer* (b. 1973)

Meditation No. 2 ..... *John Kramer* (b. 1973)

Méditation de Thaïs ..... *Jules Massenet* (1842–1912)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Senior Minister  
Darrell Waters (he/him), Worship Coordinator

**INTROIT**

We Rise ..... *Batya Levine* (b. 1991)

We rise, humbly hearted

Rise, won't be divided

Rise, with spirit to guide us

Rise!

In hope, in prayer, we find  
ourselves here

In hope, in prayer, we're right here

We rise, all of the children

Rise, elders with wisdom

Rise, ancestors surround us

Rise!

In hope, in prayer, we find  
ourselves here

In hope, in prayer, we're right here

We rise, up from the wreckage

Rise, with tears and with courage

Rise, fighting for life

We rise!

In hope, in prayer, we find  
ourselves here

In hope, in prayer, we're right here

We rise, humbly hearted

Rise, won't be divided

Rise, with spirit to guide us

Rise!

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

## OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Manifesto ..... *Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer*  
Rev. Parisa Parsa

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

## \*HYMNS

All Shall Be Well / Another World ..... music: *Ana Hernández* (b. 1957)

All shall be well, and all shall be well,  
And all manner of things shall be well ..... *Julian of Norwich* (1343–c. 1416)

Another world is not only possible, she is on her way  
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing  
She is on her way ..... *Arundhati Roy* (b. 1961)

## 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 [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org).  
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 out truths in love,  
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu  
de nuestra congregación,  
Esto servicio es nuestro regalo.  
Esta es a lo que nos comprometemos:  
Convivir en paz,  
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,  
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

**\*HYMN 155**

Circle 'Round for Freedom ..... *Linda Hirschhorn* (b. 1947)

Circle 'round for freedom  
Circle 'round for peace  
For all of us imprisoned  
Circle for release

Circle for the planet  
Circle for each soul  
For the children of our children  
Keep the circle whole

**READING**

The Wordy Shipmates (excerpt) ..... *Sarah Vowell* (b. 1967)

**SERMON**

Open Wide the Doors ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

The Opening Doors ..... text: *Rev. Olympia Brown* (1835–1926)  
music: *John Kramer* (b. 1973)

Lift high the gates  
Open wide the doors  
Give liberty to all  
Open wide the doors for all  
To a larger life and higher ideal  
Give us eyes to see the Divine in all

Every one a child of G-d  
Worthy of respect  
Needing justice and liberty  
To thrive

**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](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 would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://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!

### SEPTEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: MIRA COALITION



We believe that 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. This month's Share the Plate will go to the **Massachusetts Immigrant Refugee and Advocacy Coalition**.

MIRA's mission is to promote the advancement of immigrants across the Commonwealth and beyond. MIRA Coalition places immigrant and refugee voices at the forefront to advocate for the well-being of our communities.

To learn more about MIRA please visit [miracoalition.org](https://miracoalition.org).

### OFFERTORY

Better than We Found It ..... *Maren Morris* (b. 1990), *Jimmy Robbins* (b. 1989),  
*Jessie Jo Dillon* (b. 1987), and *Laura Veltz* (b. 1980)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

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

### PASTORAL PRAYER

**\*HYMN**

Change Is Coming ..... *Molly Bajgot*

Change is coming, what do we need to imagine?  
Change is coming, what do we need to imagine

Cause I know from brokenness there's voice  
Yes I know, from brokenness there's whole

To be prepared, you know I'm scared  
To be prepared, yes I know I'm scared

**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**

Les Champs-Élysées ..... *Michael Wilshaw* (b. 1945)  
Hyunju Jung, piano



*Out of respect for the wishes of Native American activists, we are suspending our spoken land acknowledgement until we have established a relationship of accountability and repair with local indigenous groups. We continue to occupy the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts people.*

*\* 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.*

## Arlington Street Staff Directory

### Parish Ministers

Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her) • Senior Minister (SeniorMinister@ASCBoston.org)

Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her) • Executive Minister (BRobbins@ASCBoston.org)

### Music

Mark David Buckles (he/him) • Director of Music (MBuckles@ASCBoston.org)

Hyunju Jung (she/her) • Collaborative Pianist

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him) • Artist in Residence

Joe Della Penna (he/him) • Jazz Artist in Residence

### Choir Section Leaders

Hannah Shanefield (she/her) • Soprano

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them) • Alto

Samuel LaGrego (he/him) • Tenor

Andrew Stack (he/him) • Baritone

### Administration

Jeff Fogleman (he/him) • Congregational Administrator (Office@ASCBoston.org)

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### 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!*

### Parking at Arlington Street Church

Discount parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a discount coupon from an usher. Also, metered parking is free in the city on Sundays.

## This Week (and Beyond) at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

#### **12:00 pm~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)**

Join us right after the service for snacks, coffee, and conversation in the Chapel for coffee hour. For those participating virtually, join the conversation in the Arlington Street Zoom room!

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

#### **12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)**

Come for a half hour of Mettā sending lovingkindness to ourselves and to the world. No meditation experience necessary. Bring your open heart!

#### **4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)**

Please come whether or not you think you like poetry! Feel free just to listen or bring a favorite poem. We'll have the opportunity to read aloud and share what these poems mean to us. *All are welcome!*

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

#### **6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly (Zoom)**

Buddha's Belly gatherings are an opportunity to read books by contemporary teachers, explore questions about Buddhism, and ask your burning questions about meditation. We're reading Jack Kornfield's *A Path with Heart: A Guide Through the Perils and Promises of Spiritual Life*. For this gathering, please read through the end of Chapter 9, "The Spiritual Roller Coaster."

#### **7:00 PM ~ Arlington Street Meditation (Zoom)**

Our gathering includes seated meditation, a brief reading from Buddhist teachings, and conversation. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions (or none!) are warmly welcome.

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

#### **5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)**

Make a cuppa, find a comfortable seat, and come take a civilized late afternoon break with Rev. Parisa, Rev. Beth, and one another. In preparation for our upcoming Blessing of the Animals service, the next discussion prompt is "What are some of the lessons you've learned from animals?" *All are warmly welcome!*

#### **6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga Class (Zoom)**

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class led by Jean Ko Stewart. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. (This class is NOT in the Arlington Street Zoom room. Please email [Office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org) for Zoom access.)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)**

Trisha invites you to the spiritual practice of writing inspired by Zen meditation, based on Natalie Goldberg's *Writing Down the Bones*. No writing experience necessary – all you need is paper, pen, and willingness! All are welcome! (This meeting is NOT in the Arlington Street Zoom room. Join by video at [tinyurl.com/ASCWrites](https://tinyurl.com/ASCWrites). The meeting ID is 833 4627 6104.)

**7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Arlington Street Church - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

Experience the spiritual practice of communal singing! We are a mix of professionals and amateurs and are always happy to welcome new members. Take a few hours out of your week to create something beautiful, make friends, and add more music to your life!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

**7:00 pm ~ Global Jazz Club with Mikayla Shirley (CROMA@Arlington Street)**

Join our friends at Agora as they present Mikayla Shirley, a Pennsylvania-born vocalist with a rich Puerto Rican heritage. Mikayla has a soulful voice that effortlessly traverses genres and languages. From her interpretations of straight-ahead jazz to her daring arrangements, she brings a fresh and innovative approach to all she sings. Learn more and purchase tickets at [cromaspace.com](https://cromaspace.com).

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**11:00 am ~ Blessing of the Animals Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)**

Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi at Arlington Street's annual Blessing of the Animals! Furry friends are welcome to join the service in the sanctuary and on Zoom as we honor our current companions and those who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. *All are welcome!*

**6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny (Zoom)**

Whether or not you are a committed vegan, you are warmly invited to Zoom into Jenny's kitchen. This month, we'll learn to make Apple-Quinoa Salad with Cashew "Feta." Looking forward to cooking together – *Aprons, everyone!*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

**12:45 pm ~ In the Meantime: Conversation on Our Transitional Ministry**

(Sanctuary & Zoom)

Join Rev. Parisa and your Prudential Committee to learn about the process of transitional ministry, explore some things to expect, and discuss the ways we want to be in conversation. We'll need everyone's hearts, minds, and spirits to join in as the congregation reflects on our past and prepares for our future!

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