



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Prelude in B-Flat *Johann Krebs* (1713–1780)

Thanks Be to Thee *George Frideric Handel* (1685–1759)

Impromptu *Louis Vierne* (1870–1937)

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him), Artist-in-Residence, organ

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 67**

We Sing Now Together text: *Rev. Edwin T. Buehrer* (1894–1969), alt.

music: *Adriaen Valerius* (c. 1575–1625)

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

We sing now together our song of thanksgiving
Rejoicing in goods which the ages have wrought
For life that enfolds us, and helps and heals and holds us
And leads beyond the goals which our forebears once sought

We sing of the freedoms which martyrs and heroes
Have won by their labor, their sorrow, their pain
The oppressed befriending, our ampler hopes defending
Their death becomes a triumph, they died not in vain

We sing of the prophets, the teachers, the dreamers
Designers, creators, and workers, and seers
Our own lives expanding, our gratitude commanding
Their deeds have made immortal their days and their years

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

We sing of community now in the making
In every far continent, region, and land
With those of all races, all times and names and places
We pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand

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

INTROIT

Verleih uns Frieden music: *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809–1847)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
text: *Martin Luther* (1483–1546)
adapted from *Da Pacem, Domine*, a votive antiphon for peace

Verleih uns frieden gnädiglich	Graciously grant us peace
Herr Gott! zu unsern zeiten	Lord G-d, in our time
Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht	There is no one else
Der für uns könnte streiten	Who could fight for us
Denn du unser Gott alleine	Except you, our G-d, alone

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

But We Had Music *Maria Popova* (b. 1984)
Rev. Parisa Parsa
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 1010**

We Give Thanks *Rev. Wendy Luella Perkins* (b. 1966)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day
For all gathered here, and those far away
For this time we share with love and care
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day

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.
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,
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.

READING

Art for Art's Sake (excerpt) *E.M. Forster* (1879-1970)

***HYMN**

Forget Your Perfect Offering *Anonymous*, after *Leonard Cohen* (1934–2016)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Forget your perfect offering
(Forget your perfect offering)
Just sing the song that you can sing
(Just sing the song that you can sing)
There is a crack in everything
(There is a crack in everything)

That's how (That's how)
The light (The light)
Gets in (That's how the light gets in)

SERMON

Shining Through the Cracks *Rev. Parisa Parsa*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Domine Ad Adjuvandum Me *G.B. Martini (1706–1784)*
(Lord, My G-d, Assist Me Now)

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

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.

This morning's offering is dedicated to the specific support of our music programs at Arlington Street Church, led by Music Director Mark David Buckles and employing a wealth of talented musicians to lift our spirits, calm our hearts, and help us make meaning of all that goes beyond words.

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

Laudate Dominum music: *W. A. Mozart* (1756–1791)
from *Vesperae solennes de confessore in C, K. 339* text: *Psalm 117*
Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN**

Better Days *Pat Humphries* (b.1960) & *Sandy Opatow*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano

We have come, in the light
To this place, in the light
With our hearts, in the light
Open wide

We are here, in the light
Giving voice, in the light
To the truth, in the light
We divine

Chorus

Let us sing for today
Let us learn better ways
Showing love, in the light
Giving hope, in the light
We create, in the light
Better days

We are born, in the dark
We are fed, in the dark
We connect, in the dark

Through the veil

We are held, in the dark
We are healed, in the dark
Mysteries, in the dark
We reveal

Chorus

Time is now, we begin
Where we are, we begin
We have all, we begin
That we need

To renew, we begin
To release, we begin
To rebuild, we begin
To believe

Chorus

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

Nun Danket Alle Gott *Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)*
Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him), Artist-in-Residence, organ



** 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.*

The Arlington Street Church Choir & Orchestra

Mark David Buckles, conductor

Hyunju Jung, organ
Tudor Dornescu, violin
Lisa Goddard, violin
Vanessa Fitzgerald, viola
Valerie Thompson, violoncello

Sopranos

Eve Lauria
Hannah Shanefield
Karen Tausch
Natalia St Jean

Tenors

Daniel Rosensweig
Samuel LaGrego

Altos

Barbara Seidl
Bek Zehr
Betsy Shearer
Hailey Edwards
Rebecca Reid
Sé (Shea) Brown

Basses

Andrew Stackhouse
Dan Ivey
Daniel Simpson
Elliot Lazar
Richard Marshall

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!*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)
12:30 pm ~ Bringing in the Greens (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly (Zoom)
7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)
6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga Class (Zoom)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)
7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room – 2nd Floor)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)
12:30 pm ~ World AIDS Day Installation (Cyclorama, 539 Tremont St.)

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

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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Jeff Fogleman (he/him) • Congregational Administrator
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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.