

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

This morning's service is dedicated to the life of Sally Liebermann, a beloved Unitarian Universalist friend and mentor of Rebecca's, who dedicated her life to uplifting people of all ages. Sally, Presenté.



PRELUDE

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rebecca Reid (She/Her)

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

We shall be known by the company we

keep

by the ones who circle round to tend

these fires

We shall be known by the ones who sow

and reap

the seeds of change alive from deep

within the earth

It is time now

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

It is time now that we thrive In this great turning we shall learn to lead It is time we lead ourselves into the well in love It is time now, and what a time to be alive In this great turning we shall learn to lead in love

GREETINGSRev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her), Worship Coordinator

*HYMN #1008

Chorus:

When our heart is in a holy place,

When our heart is in a holy place, words,

We are bless'd with love and amazing Then our heart is in a holy place. grace,

When our heart is in a holy place. Chorus

When we trust the wisdom in each of us, When we share the silence of sacred Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind

Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind, space,

And we see our faces in each other's eyes, And the God of our Heart stirs within, Then our heart is in a holy place.

And we feel the power of each other's

faith,

Chorus Then our heart is in a holy place.

When we tell our story from deep inside, Chorus

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND JOY

Open my heart to be a sanctuary With thanksgiving, I'll be a living All made holy, loved, and true 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,
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.

*HYMN #1009

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace. When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

Breathe in, Breathe out, Breathe in, Breathe out

SERMON

On Purpose......Rebecca Reid

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Sé Brown, soprano Hyunju Jung, piano

Imagine you're a girl on ten mile stilts You travel round the world, taking it all in You'll never touch the ground Is it a blessing or a curse And if you're too high to be found

Are you lost or just rehearsed

Got a heart that opens clear in this cool September dark It rests on treetop leaves And bursts its little sparks And sometimes it sings its songs And it lets its secrets out Except for one that sears inside That it cannot live without

But if I tell you will you take it Will you shine it up to me Can you be strong to let me go on And set this freedom free

The stars are out tonight Up here they're ripe to hold

But I have learned what comes to those who get too close I'm no Icarus in flight And I'm old enough to know That love is patient, but still unyielding If you leave it long enough it lets you go

But if I tell you will you take it Will you shine it up to me Can you be strong to let me go on And set this freedom free

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

Waltz in A minor, B150.......Frederic Chopin (1810-1849)
Hyunju Jung, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN #131

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way on the road from greed to giving.

Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak before thousands, you can give from deep within you.

You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way on the road from greed to giving.

Love will guide us through the hard night.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

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



* 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!*