



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

PRELUDE

O for the Wings of a Dove *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809–1847)

Scenes of Childhood *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)

The Moon

The Cow

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

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Senior Minister

Art Nava (he/him), Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

The Seventh Principle..... *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Young Woong Cho (he/him), piano

We believe in the interdependent web of all existence

of which we are a part. Amen.

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN**

We Celebrate the Web of Life.....text: *Alicia S. Carpenter* (1930–1990)

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

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

We celebrate the web of life,
Its magnitude we sing;
For we can see divinity
In every living thing.

A fragment of the perfect whole
In cactus and in quail,
As much in tiny barnacle
As in the great blue whale.

Of ancient dreams we are the sum;
Our bones link stone to star,
And bind our future worlds to come
With worlds that were and are.

Respect the water, land, and air
Which gave all creatures birth;
Protect the lives of all that share
The glory of the earth

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,
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**

All of Us Belong *Richard Bruxvoort Colligan*

All of us belong
Each and every one
All of us belong
In this sacred circle

We have wings
and paws
and tails
and toes
and instincts
and souls

STORY

The Town Musicians of Bremen *Jacob Grimm (1785–1863)*
and *Wilhelm Grimm (1786–1859)*
retelling: *Gail Forsyth-Vail*

SERMON

To Sing and Protect Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

With Animals music: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*
text: *Walt Whitman (1819–1892)*
from *Song of Myself*

I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contain'd,
I stand and look at them long and long.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to G-d,
Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things,

Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago,
Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.

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!

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.

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

OFFERTORY

Little Lamb Little Lamb *Tim O'Brien* (b. 1954)
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf (she/her), fiddle
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals
Sam LaGrego (he/him), cajon
Andrew Stack (he/him), piano

Chorus

Little Lamb little lamb looks like spring came back around
On the hillside you're jumping up and down
Lifts my heart up to see you scamper once again
You wouldn't understand little lamb little lamb

The winter's long, it's gets so dark and cold
It reminds me how I keep on getting old
I was young once, I won't be young again
You wouldn't understand little lamb little lamb

It's just like magic how the seasons come and go
Reassures me in a way you'll never know
Living and dying walk along hand in hand
You wouldn't understand little lamb little lamb

Chorus

Sheepdog watching keeping you in line
Your mama too, she sees you're doing fine
A year will go by, this'll happen once again
You wouldn't understand little lamb little lamb

Chorus

ANIMAL BLESSING & PROCESSION

Old Yeller Dog Came Trottin' through the Meetinghouse

Charlie Boyd Acuff (1919–2013)

Turtle in the Grass *Ariel Friedman (b. 1985)*

Old Grey Cat *Traditional Scottish Tune*

Little Pine Siskin *John Reischman (b. 1955)*

The Curious Beetle *Jeremy Kittel (b. 1984)*

Julie Metcalf, fiddle

Mark David Buckles, piano

***HYMN 203**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky..... text: *St. Francis of Assisi* (1182–1226), attributed
tune: *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirschengesang* (1623)

All creatures of the earth and sky
Come, kindred, lift your voices high
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam
Soft shining moon with silver gleam
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong
White clouds that sail in heav'n along
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice
High stars of evening find a voice
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear
Make music for all life to hear
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright
And bless us with your warmth and light
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Embracing earth, you, day by day
Bring forth your blessings on our way
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow
Let them the glory also show
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you of understanding heart
Forgiving others, take your part
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless
And worship G-d in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Scenes of Childhood *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)
Autumn Fires

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

BELL RINGING

My Life Flows on in Endless Song *Robert Lowry* (1826–1899)
Abide with Me *Henry Francis Lyte* (1793–1847)
Amazing Grace *Columbian Harmony* (1829)
Mark David Buckles, bells

-in memory of Doc Kinne-



** 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!*

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.

Arlington Street Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

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

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Hannah Shanefield (she/her) • Soprano

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them) • Alto

Samuel LaGrego (he/him) • Tenor

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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!

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 afternoon, we'll learn to make apple and quinoa salad with roasted tofu, vegetables, and homemade vinaigrette. Looking forward to cooking together – Aprons, everyone!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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!*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

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. Our next discussion prompt is "Whether or not you believe in miracles, what is a miracle you are hoping for?"

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 for Zoom access.)

6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Worship Gathering (FP Cambridge & Zoom)

Did you know that our beloved Mark David Buckles also serves as the Music Director of Sanctuary Boston? This community of vibrant worship and real connection is grounded in Unitarian Universalism and open to seekers of all kinds. Sanctuary Boston's contemporary worship gatherings are a place of grounding and connection, rooted in music and ritual, celebrating the love within us and around us.

THURSDAY, October 3

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. The meeting ID is 833 4627 6104.)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Arlington Street Church - 2nd 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, OCTOBER 5

5:00 pm ~ World Alive! ArtsEmerson Gala (Revere Hotel Boston)

Congratulations to our own Elsa Mosquera-Sterenberga on being named ArtsEmerson's 2024 Champions Award recipient! In recognition of the significant relationship between Arlington Street, Croma, and Ágora, our wonderful restoration chair, Jon Andersen-Miller has the honor of presenting the award. Please join Jon in celebrating Elsa and supporting ArtsEmerson's 24/25 Season. Gala guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner, a silent auction, and a program featuring special guest artists.

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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