



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

PRELUDE

I Stand in Awe Before the Word.....*Seokjoo Yoo*, arrangement: *Soohwan Kim*

You Were Created to Receive the Greatest Love.....*Minseob Lee*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (She/Her)

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Bridge Over Troubled Water.....*Simon & Garfunkel*

Natalia St Jean (She/Her), soprano

When you're weary
Feeling small
When tears are in your eyes
I will dry them all

I'm on your side
When times get rough
And friends just can't be found
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

When you're down and out
When you're on the street
When evening falls so hard
I will comfort you

I'll take your part
When darkness comes

And pain is all around
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will lay me down

Sail on Silver Girl
Sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way

See how they shine (See how they shine)
If you need a friend (If you need a friend)
I'm sailing right behind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind
Like a bridge over troubled water
I will ease your mind
I will ease your mind.

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

GREETINGSRebecca Reid (She/Her), Worship Coordinator

***HYMN #101**

Abide With Me.....*Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)*

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; O thou who changes not, abide with me.
the darkness deepens; still with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
flee, ills have no weight, and tears no
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me. bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; victory?
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass I triumph still if thou abide with me.
away;
change and decay in all around I see:

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 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 El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation, de nuestra congregación,
And service is our gift. Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant: Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace, Convivir en paz,
To speak out truths in love, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another. Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

***HYMN #123**

Spirit of Life.....*Carolyn McDade* (b. 1935)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

SERMON

Love Letters for Living.....Rev. Ali Jablonsky

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Prayer.....*Celine Dion & Andrea Bocelli*

Natalia St Jean, soprano
Hyunju Jung, piano

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go And help us to be wise in times when we don't know Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace To a place where we'll be safe	Give us faith so we'll be safe Sogniamo un mondo senza più violenza Un mondo di giustizia e di speranza Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino Simbolo di pace, di fraternità La forza che ci dà <i>We ask that life be kind</i> È il desiderio che <i>And watch us from above</i> Ognuno trovi amor <i>We hope each soul will find</i> Intorno e dentro sé <i>Another soul to love</i> Let this be our prayer, let this be our prayer Just like every child, just like every child
La luce che tu hai <i>I pray we'll find your light</i> Nel cuore resterà <i>And hold it in our hearts</i> A ricordarci che <i>When stars go out each night</i> L'eterna stella sei Nella mia preghiera <i>Let this be our prayer</i> Quanta fede c'è <i>When shadows fill our day</i>	Need to find a place Guide us with your grace Give us faith so we'll be safe È la fede che Hai acceso in noi Sento che ci salvera
Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace	

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 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'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

Gymnopédie.....*Erik Satie* (1866-1925)
Hyunju Jung, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN #126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing..... *Robert Robinson* (1735–1790)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune our ears to sing thy grace.	Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.	When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.
While the hope of life's perfection fills our hearts with joy and love, teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.	Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways. Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come.	Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home.	With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav'n above.

BENEDICTION AND 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	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

Shout for Joy and Sing.....*David Fellingham* (b.1945)
Hyunju Jung, piano



** 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!*