



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

PRELUDE

Zeal of God.....*Sa Gong Jeong*

By God's Grace.....*Sangwoo Shin*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Roddy Emley(He/Him)

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

INTROIT

Little Rebirth.....*Allison Russell* (b.1982)

Natalia St. Jean (She/Her), Soprano

Chimes in the morning

Feet to the Earth

Wild birds calling

A little Rebirth

Cold pavement pressed

Against a barefoot

Can you feel the Mother moving

Through the bonds of our works?

Who have you been

Who will you be

Who are you now

What can you hear, what can you see?

What can you do

What can be done

Who can ever know

The mystery within?

Le dernier sera premier

Une belle journee

Tournesol tourne au soleil

Chanter! Chanter!

Dust of the Stars

Bones of the Earth

Breath of the Void

A little Rebirth

Chimes in the morning

Feet to the Earth

We're all transforming

A little Rebirth

Chimes in the morning

Feet to the Earth

We're all transforming

A little Rebirth

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

GREETINGS ..... Lucy Humphrey (She/Her), Worship Coordinator

**\*HYMN #1003**

When Our Heart is in a Holy Place..... *Joyce Poley*

**Chorus:**

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

When we tell our story from deep inside,  
And we listen with a loving mind,  
And we hear our voices in each other's  
words,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

**Chorus**

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,  
Ev'ry color ev'ry creed and kind,  
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

When we share the silence of sacred  
space,  
And the G\*d of our Heart stirs within,  
And we feel the power of each other's  
faith,  
Then our heart is in a holy place.

**Chorus**

**Chorus**

**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  
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 AND COVENANT**

Love is the spirit  
of this congregation,  
And service is our gift.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,

El amor es el espíritu  
de nuestra congregación,  
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.  
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:  
Convivir en paz,

To speak out truths in love,  
And to help one another.

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,  
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**

A Great Mystery .....Roddy Emley

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

Blue Boat Home.....*Peter Mayer*

Natalia St. Jean, soprano  
Hyunju Jung, piano

Though below me, I feel no motion  
standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean still my  
dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now, never  
harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel  
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder  
as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting  
questions into the deep.

Drifting here with my ship's companions,  
all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the  
heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me,  
hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the  
sky my sailor's song:

I was born up on the fathoms, never  
harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,  
and the earth is my blue boat home.

**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](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're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira at [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto: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](https://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**

The Rainbow Connection.....*Paul Williams & Kenneth L. Ascher*  
Hyunju Jung, piano

**PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

**\*HYMN #1021**

Lean on Me..... *Bill Withers (1938–2020)*

Sometimes in our lives  
we all have pain,  
we all have sorrow.  
But if we are wise  
we know that there’s  
always tomorrow.

**Bridge:**  
Just call on me brother when you need a  
hand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you’d  
understand.  
We all need somebody to lean on.

**Chorus:**

Lean on me when you’re not strong  
and I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry  
on, **Chorus**

For it won’t be long ‘til I’m gonna need  
somebody to lean on. **Bridge**

Please swallow your pride  
if I have things  
you need to borrow,  
For no one can fill  
those of your needs  
that you won’t let show.

If there is a load  
you have to bear  
that you can’t carry,  
I’m right up the road,  
I’ll share your load  
if you just call me.

Call me... call me...

**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  
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

From the Rising of the Sun.....*Paul S. Deming*  
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](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org) to claim your date! *Thank you!*