



**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

Boston, Massachusetts

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**INGATHERING SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE**

Méditation de Thaïs ..... *Jules Massenet* (1842–1912)

You Raise Me Up ..... *Rolf Lovland* (b. 1955)

arrangement: *Dan Coates*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her), Executive Minister

**INTROIT**

Here Together ..... *David Glasgow* (b. 1971)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

We are here, here together

In this holy moment

And we're grateful for the winding road

That brought us to this place

**OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING**

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

**\*HYMN 361**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In ..... text and music: *Louise Ruspini*

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

Enter, rejoice, and come in

Open your ears to the song...

Enter, rejoice, and come in

Don't be afraid of some change...

Today will be a joyful day!

Enter, rejoice, and come in!

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

Open your hearts, everyone...

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

## 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](http://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 295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey ..... text: *Rev. Mark M. DeWolfe* (1953–1988)  
music: *Henry Purcell* (1659–1695)

Sing out praises for the journey,  
Pilgrims, we, who carry on,  
Searchers in the soul's deep yearnings,  
Like our forebears in their time.  
We seek out the spirit's wholeness  
In the endless human quest.

Look inside, your soul's the kindling  
Of the hearth fire pilgrims knew.  
Find the spirit, always restless,

Find it in each mind and heart.  
Touch and hold that ancient yearning,  
Kindling for a newfound truth.

Stand we now upon the threshold,  
Facing futures yet unknown.  
Hearth behind us, wayside hostel  
Built by those who knew wild roads.  
Guard we e'er their sacred embers  
Carried in our minds and hearts.

**READING**

Ticket ..... *Charles O. Hartman* (b. 1949)

**SERMON**

To Dwell in Possibility ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, & PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

Achieved Is the Glorious Work, from *Creation* ..... *Joseph Haydn* (1732–1809)

*~ in honor of Donald O. Rickter ~*

**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!*

## SEPTEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: MIRA COALITION



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 month's Share the Plate will go to the **Massachusetts Immigrant Refugee and Advocacy Coalition**. MIRA Coalition places immigrant and refugee voices at the forefront to advocate for the well-being of our communities.

To make your gift, please visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://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

Come With Me ..... *Joe Jencks*

Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

I feel the current raging around me  
Try to summon up my strength  
once more

I am weary on this journey  
Afraid I will not reach that  
distant shore

I cry for help, feel like I'm sinking  
There is no one near me I can see  
But there you are in the water  
with me  
You take my hand and guide  
me graciously

#### Chorus

Will you come with me on  
this journey  
With every breath we take keep  
reaching for the dawn

I know alone, I will falter  
With a good friend near me I will  
carry on

There is a kindness in your smile  
And gentleness within your speech  
You reassure me

your love surrounds me  
And I know safety is at last within  
my reach

#### Chorus

It's an illusion we carry with us  
As we wade on through the waters  
of our lives  
That we must be strong and hold  
our own here  
But a helping hand will save us by  
and by

**Chorus**

**SHARING OUR INVITATIONS**

**\*HYMN 1014**

Answering the Call of Love..... *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

The promise of the Spirit  
Faith, hope and love abide  
And so every soul is blessed  
and made whole  
The truth in our hearts is our guide

Sometimes we build a barrier  
To keep love tightly bound  
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear  
Denying the beauty we've found

**Chorus**

We are answering the call of love  
Hands joined together as  
hearts beat as one  
Emboldened by faith, we dare  
to proclaim  
We are answering the call of love

**Chorus**

A bright new day is dawning  
When love will not divide  
Reflections of grace in every embrace  
Fulfilling the vision divine

**Chorus**

We are answering the call of love

**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**

Come, Let Us Sing ..... *Danny Reed*  
Hyunju Jung, piano



*Out of respect for the wishes of Native American activists, we are suspending our spoken land acknowledgement until we have established a relationship of accountability and repair with local indigenous groups. We continue to occupy the ancestral lands of the Massachusetts people.*

**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!*

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## This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Happy birthday, Art Nava!**

#### **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!

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

#### **6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly ~ The Buddhist Book Discussion (Zoom)**

Buddha's Belly gatherings are an opportunity to read books by contemporary teachers, explore questions about Buddhism, and ask your burning questions about meditation. We're reading Jack Kornfield's *A Path with Heart: A Guide Through the Perils and Promises of Spiritual Life*. For our gathering on September 10, please read Chapter 9, "The Spiritual Roller Coaster," ending at "Chakras" (page 126).

#### **7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Center (Zoom)**

Our gathering includes seated meditation, a brief reading from Buddhist teachings, and conversation. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions (or none!) are warmly welcome.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

#### **5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)**

**[please note new time!]**

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 "Share a story about a time in your youth when you remember learning (directly or indirectly) how to prepare for guests." All are warmly welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (continued)**

**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](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org) for Zoom access.)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)**

Trisha Zembruski 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! (This meeting is NOT in the Arlington Street Zoom room. Join by video at [tinyurl.com/ASCWrites](https://tinyurl.com/ASCWrites) or participate by phone by dialing (929) 205-6099. The meeting ID is 833 4627 6104.)

**7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Arlington Street Church - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

Experience the spiritual practice of communal singing! Musicians and non-musicians are welcome – we are a mix of professionals and amateurs and are always happy to welcome new members. Take a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful, make friends, and add more music to your life!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**7:00 pm ~ PJ Sin Suela Concert (CROMA@Arlington Street Church)**

Join our friends at Ágora as they present PJ Sin Suela, the charismatic Puerto Rican rapper, activist, and doctor on his U.S. tour. His new production is titled “Toda temporada tiene su encanto” (Every Age Has Its Charm). PJ arrives in Boston with the energy and spectacular creativity that characterize his performances, presenting new songs and the hits that have propelled his artistic career. Learn more and purchase tickets at [cromaspace.com](http://cromaspace.com).

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**2:00 pm ~ UU Urban Ministry Volunteer Training (Virtual)**

Learn more about the Urban Ministry and discover opportunities to contribute to their important work. For more information, please visit [uum.org](http://uum.org).

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