



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

An Opening, An Invitation: AMONG Worship Service

PRELUDE

Love Wins All *Donghwan Seo*

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

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 153**

Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom

African American Spiritual

Oh, I woke up this morning
with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Woke up this morning with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Woke up this morning with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia

I was singing and praying
with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Singing and praying with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Singing and praying with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

I was walking and talking
with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Walking and talking with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Walking and talking with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

Oh, I woke up this morning
with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Woke up this morning with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Woke up this morning with my mind
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)
Frank Lee (he/him) Worship Coordinator

COVENANT RENEWAL: ROOTED & THRIVING Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her)



In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our commitment of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. There's still time to make your pledge for 2025/26 at tinyurl.com/CovenantRenewal

INTROIT

Another World music: *Ana Hernández* (b. 1957)
text: *Arundhati Roy* (b. 1961)

Composer/arranger Ana Hernández's work aims to bring each of us to a sustainable place in terms of showing up, being present, and listening generatively, so we can remember how beloved we all are.

Indian author and political activist Arundhati Roy is a Booker Prize winner and known for her advocacy of environmental and human rights issues.

Another world is not only possible, she is on her way
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing
She is on her way

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

For Calling the Spirit Back From Wandering the Earth in Its Human Feet
Joy Harjo (b. 1951)

Lois Hartsough (she/her)

Joy Harjo is an internationally renowned performer and writer and a member of the Muscogee Nation. She served as United States poet laureate 2019–2022 and is the author of several books of poetry.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTRODUCTION OF AMONG WORSHIP Sarah Folenó (she/her)

***HYMN**

In The Shelter of Each Other *Reggie Harris* (b. 1952)
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals
Hannah Shanefield (she/her), vocals

Reggie Harris writes songs from a personal sense of mission that merges a world wise point of view with a singularly hopeful stance that life, though often challenging, is filled with possibility and hope. His songs reveal thoughts about life and love and some of the deep aspects of the human experience and cover topics from his own personal journey to world issues and history.

Chorus

In the shelter	We are open
Of each other	We are dreaming
In the shelter	We are hopeful
Of our lives	We are wise

Many times the weight of the world crashes in
We feel angry and afraid
We start to lose our sense of hope
Our sense of direction
Isolation we have learned
Will not bring much in return
If we truly cannot learn
To live as one

Chorus

You know that many times the weight of the world crashes in
We feel broken and betrayed
We start to lose our sense of joy
Our sense of connection
And though our history remains
It's our actions we must change
If we hope to heal our planet
We know that we must stand

Chorus

INTRODUCTION OF AMONG PARTICIPANTS *Laura Pattison* (she/her)

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.*

INVITATIONAL TESTIMONY Art Nava (he/him)

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 our truths in love,
And to help one another.

RESPONSE

In The Shelter of Each Other *Reggie Harris (b. 1952)*

In the shelter	We are open
Of each other	We are dreaming
In the shelter	We are hopeful
Of our lives	We are wise

INVITATIONAL TESTIMONY Anne Grossi (she/her)

HYMN

Shine on Me *African American Spiritual*

This piece is led and performed by Melanie DeMore, founding member of the Grammy nominated vocal ensemble Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir. Nothing is closer to Melanie DeMore's heart than bringing people together to experience the healing power of music.

Shine on me	Hold me close
O Shine on me	Yes hold me close
Let the light from the lighthouse	Let the light from the lighthouse
Shine on me	Hold me close

O Shine on me	Yes hold me close
Yes shine on me	O hold me close
Let the light from the lighthouse	Let the light from the lighthouse
Shine on me	Hold me close

Lift me up	So shine on me
O lift me up	Yes shine on me
Let the light from the lighthouse	Let the light from the lighthouse
Lift me up	Shine on me

O Lift me up	O Shine on me
Yes lift me up	Yes shine on me
Let the light from the lighthouse	Let the light from the lighthouse
Lift me up	Shine on me

INVITATIONAL TESTIMONY Margy Herley (she/her)

SONG

If You Got a Problem Joy Oladokun (b. 1992)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals

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

A proud queer Black woman and daughter of Nigerian immigrants, singer-songwriter Oladokun has graced prestigious stages including the White House for the Respect for Marriage Act signing ceremony.

When the light is gone
And you're on your own
You've been trying but the fight never goes away
And you don't know when

The sun will shine again
All you gotta do is look my way

Chorus

If you got a problem
I got a problem too
If you're standing at the bottom
I'll reach out for you
If you need someone to lean on
Baby, I can be strong
I will carry you through
If you got a problem
I got a problem too

Everybody needs something to believe
If you want you can always put your your faith in me
I don't know it all
But I know how it feels to fall
With a helping hand you'll find your feet

Chorus

If you're lonely
If you're down and out
Holding out for a better day
Call out for me
I'll come running
And we'll find a better way

Chorus

INVITATIONAL TESTIMONY Kat Fahey (she/her)

RESPONSE

If You Got a Problem *Joy Oladokun* (b. 1992)

If you got a problem
I got a problem too
If you're standing at the bottom
I'll reach out for you
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Baby, I can be strong
I will carry you through
If you got a problem
I got a problem too

INVITATIONAL TESTIMONY Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him)

HYMN

This Joy *Shirley Caesar* (b. 1938)

Shirley Caesar is an American gospel singer, actress, and pastor often referred to as “the First Lady of Gospel music.”

This joy that I have, the world didn't give it to me (x3)
Oh I said, the world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

This strength that I have...

This love that I have...

This pride that I have...

This peace that I have...

This joy that I have...

The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

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!

SHARE THE PLATE: SYLVIA RIVERA LAW PROJECT

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.

The Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social and economic justice. SRLP seeks to increase the political voice and visibility of low-income people and people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming. SRLP works to improve access to respectful and affirming social, health, and legal services for their communities. SRLP believes that in order to create meaningful political participation and leadership, all people must have access to basic means of survival and safety from violence. Learn more at: <https://srlp.org>.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509.

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

Questions for reflection:

What do you want to remember from this service?

After today's service, what are you thinking, feeling, or wondering?

OFFERTORY

If You're Out There *John Legend* (b. 1978), *DeVon Harris*,
Kawan Prather, & *Marcus Bryant*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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

If you hear this message
Wherever you stand
I'm calling everybody

All across the land
We're the generation
We can't afford to wait
The future started yesterday
And we're already late

We've been looking for a song to sing
Searched for a melody
Searched for someone to lead
We've been looking for the world to change
If you feel the same, well go on and say

Chorus:

If you're out there,
Sing along with me if you're out there
I'm dying to believe that you're out there
Stand up and say it loud if you're out there
Tomorrow's starting now

No more broken promises
No more call to war
Unless it's love and peace that
We're really fighting for
We can destroy hunger
We can conquer hate
Put down the arms and raise your voice
We're joining hands today

I was looking for a song to sing
Searched for a leader
But the leader was me
We were looking for the world to change
We can be heroes
Just go on and say

Chorus

If you're ready, we can save the world
Believe again, start to mend
We don't have to wait for destiny
We should be the change that we want to see

Chorus

If you hear this message
Wherever you stand
I'm calling everybody
All across the land
We're the generation
We can't afford to wait
The future started yesterday
And we're already late

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Rev. Parisa Parsa & Philip Roberts (he/him)

*During coffee hour, we encourage you to discuss your reflections on this service,
what inspired you, and what more you would like to learn*

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

Give Love *Chanhyuk Lee* (b. 1996)
Hyunju Jung, piano



A BRIEF HISTORY OF RECENT RACIAL JUSTICE WORK AT ARLINGTON STREET

Arlington Street Church has worked for racial justice at many points in our history. Our most recent work began in 2012. For two years, twelve people met twice monthly to do the Unitarian Universalist Association's curriculum called "Building the World We Dream About." As a result of that work, many went on to form the Transformation Team for Racial Justice.

Between 2014 and 2020, the Transformation Team worked to engage the congregation in conversation about racism by offering many learning opportunities: pulpit editorials, workshops, films, corporation meeting reports, book discussions, White Supremacy Teach-ins, and Uncomfortable Conversations.

When the pandemic started, more than 20 members of our church community participated in a virtual program called **WITHIN**, focused on the individual, personal learning, and development that we each need to do to heal the impact of racism in our lives. In 2023, the Transformation Team applied to take part in **AMONG**, the second phase of the **Beloved Conversations** program. Since October 2023, the **AMONG** team has been meeting twice monthly.

WHAT IS AMONG?

AMONG is the second part of a three-part program called **Beloved Conversations**.

Beloved Conversations is a program for people seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. The program is grounded in Unitarian Universalism, developed and offered by the Fahs Collaborative at Meadville Lombard Theological School, and open to all learners. In **Beloved Conversations**, we are here to heal the impact of racism on our lives, in order to get free together.

The first part of the program is called **WITHIN**, and is focused on the individual, personal learning and development that we each need to do. It is run in two separate courses: one for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) called *Gathering Our Selves*, and one for white people called *Un/Learning for Liberation*. Members of our **AMONG** team at Arlington Street began by participating in **WITHIN**.

More than 3,000 people from all over the United States, Canada, and the world have participated in **Beloved Conversations Virtual**. In *Gathering Our Selves*, BIPOC are building community and focusing on their spiritual needs. In *Un/Learning for*

Liberation, white people are learning the spiritual skills necessary for eradicating white supremacy culture in ourselves and in our wider systems. And in **AMONG**, members of the congregation are identifying ways that the systems and cultures of their congregations do not align with our Unitarian Universalist values and are working to transform them. It's collective liberation in action!

AMONG TEAM MEMBERS

Josh Bookin, Patrick Cooleybeck, Sarah Cooleybeck, Kat Fahey, Sarah Foleno, Anne Grossi, Lois Hartsough, Margy Herley, Frank Lee, Art Nava, Marie O'Brien, Rev. John O'Connor, Rev. Parisa Parsa, Laura Pattison, Harriotte Ranvig, Philip Roberts, Barb Seidl, Kelly Anne Weaver

Coach: Rev. Elka Carrier-Ladd

Friends of AMONG (former members): Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie, James Foleno, Alan Kemp

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Arlington Street Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street’s elected, governing board. “The Pru” is joined by Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Liz Teixeira (Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Alan Kemp, Chair	Rachel Corey	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair	Hala Hazar	Bob Sessions

The leadership welcomes your questions and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org.



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

10:30 am ~ Pastoral Care Support (Sanctuary)

11:00 am ~ AMONG Worship Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Pastoral Care Support (Zoom)

2:00 pm ~ Arielle Distel Memorial Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

MONDAY, MARCH 10

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Room (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)

(Prompt: What's a piece of advice you ignored at first but later realized was 100% true?)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ New Member Class (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

10:30 am ~ Pastoral Care Support (Sanctuary)







11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Pastoral Care Support (Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit ASCBoston.org.

GOOD TO KNOW!

	Discounted Sunday parking is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a coupon from an usher. Also, meters are free on Sunday!
	Thanks to Art Nava and our amazing Tech Team, replays of each Sunday service are available at youtube.com/ASCBoston . Also, be sure to subscribe to the Arlington Street Church podcast to ensure you never miss a sermon!
	To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle by 5:00 pm on Saturday. During the service, candles are always welcome in the Zoom chat.
	Providing pulpit flowers is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and give a gift the entire congregation can enjoy. Your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love will be included in the Order of Service. Please email the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org to claim your Sunday!
	If you'd like to submit an announcement, please email the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org by Wednesday evening so it can be included in the weekly e-newsletter and the Order of Service.
	If you need extra emotional support, a listening ear, or a hug in these difficult times, you are warmly invited to connect. Pastoral caregivers are available at 10:30 on Sundays mornings. Look for them in the back pew on the far right as you enter the sanctuary. There is also a dedicated Zoom breakout room for pastoral care during virtual coffee hour. If you would like a check in during the week, please email Care@ASCBoston.org . <i>Love is the spirit of this congregation!</i>

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