

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2017

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the end of greetings.

PRELUDE

L'Organiste, Volume I, FWV 41 No. 1-6 *César Franck* (1822 - 1890)
Linli Wang, organ

INTROIT

Facing Forward *Jake Heggie* (b. 1961)
Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Let it go

Let it out of your heart

Set it free

Let it be apart, set apart

And maybe then you'll see

Maybe then it will be a little easier to let go and be free

And you want to be free, don't you?

Which way are you looking?

What are you looking for?

Go on

Be strong

There's so much to be living for and so many other people
to give to

Let it go

Let it out of your heart

Set it free and maybe then you'll see yourself

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

GREETINGS

***HYMN 290**

Bring, O Past, Your Honor

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

REV. VERA O'BRIEN

Rev. Vera O'Brien is an interfaith chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital where she co-leads a team of volunteers and provides educational programming for chaplains and physicians. Rev. Vera was joyfully ordained at Arlington Street Church and is one of our affiliated community ministers. She is a proud graduate of the Unitarian Universalist seminary, Meadville Lombard Theological School.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Spirit of Life

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.

Fuente de amor, ven hacia mí.

Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.

Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida

Arráigame, libérame,

Fuente de amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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,

To speak our truths in love,

And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación

Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:

Convivir en paz,

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,

Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 345

With Joy We Claim the Growing Light

RESPONSIVE READING 657

It Matters What We Believe

SERMON

Let It Go Rev. Vera O'Brien, Affiliated Community Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Let It Go *Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez (b. 1975)*

from *Frozen*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of



the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

L'Organiste, Volume I, FWV 41 *César Franck* (1822 - 1890)
No. 7 Offertoire

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 331

Life is the Greatest Gift of All

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (*sung twice; please join in!*)

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

Fuga in C Major, BuxWV 174 *Dietrich Buxtehude* (1637 - 1707)
Linli Wang, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

There is no formal children's programming today. The CRE program will resume next Sunday. Should you need it, there is a nursery/playroom available with an audio feed of the service. To reach the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

January Share the Plate: Stop Hunger Now

Stop Hunger Now gets food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people and is working to end global hunger in our lifetime. Established in 1998, they have provided over 225 million meals in 74 countries. After worship on March 26th, we will create an all-ages assembly line in the Parish Hall to package rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins into an astonishing 20,000 meals!

In addition to literally putting our bodies on the line, our goal is to raise \$5,800 to put our money in the service of the vision of Stop Hunger Now by covering the cost of our meals at 29 cents each. We will be joined by friends from neighboring faith communities for this interfaith service extravaganza. Save the date! All are welcome!