Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2020

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

Metamorphosis One Philip Glass (b. 1937) Chants du Rhin I. L'Aurore (The Morning) George Bizet (1838–1875) Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 1032 Daoona Nayeesh

Let us live in peace. Let us live in inner peace. Let us weave our dreams together. Let us die in peace.

Samir Badri, a Muslim, and Ted Warmbrand, a Jew, were both featured at a peace rally in Arizona before the first U.S. bombing of Iraq (1998) and then Afghanistan (2001). Samir wrote this prayer and Ted set it to music.

CHALICE LIGHTING

Reading 602 If There Is To Be Peace In The World

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

*Hymn 1028

The Fire of Commitment

1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free, Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

3. From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice, Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953) 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

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 our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn 43

The Morning, Noiseless

sung to the tune of Hymn 299 Make Channels for the Streams of Love

1 The morning, noiseless, flings its gold, and still is evening's pace; and silently the earth is rolled amid the vast of space.

2 Night moves in silence round the pole, the stars sing on unheard; their music pierces to the soul, yet borrows not a word.

3 In quietude the spirit grows, and deepens hour to hour; in calm eternal onward flows its all-redeeming power.

4 Attend, O soul; and hear at length the spirit's silent voice; in stillness labor; wait in strength; and, confident, rejoice.

SERMON

Changing the Ending Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

How to Sing Like a Planet Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

Let everything unfold in its own time.

Accept what's beyond your control.

Revel in simple harmonic motion.

Turn. Rotate. Get charged up. Be weak. Be strong. Don't fight friction. Vibrate sympathetically. Don't be afraid to get into a groove.

Let gravity have its way with you. Revolve around something luminous.

Wheel, whirl, slide, collide, Circle, cycle, amble, gambol – Resonate, radiate, innovate, renovate, Oscillate, fluctuate, circumnavigate – Bloom periodically. Hunker down when you must. Wobble from time to time without apology. Know that annihilation's possible any time,

But expect a bright tomorrow's coming anyway.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 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 unpledged 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 (all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

Change Your Mind Ken Block (b. 1966)

from Sister Hazel

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Нуми

I Am Willing Holly Near (b. 1949)

***Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice**

*RECESSIONAL (sung twice; please join in!)
Where You Go (I Will Go) Shoshana Jedwab (b. 1964) choral arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)
Where you go I will go, beloved

Your people are my people Your divine, my divine

Postlude

Ten pieces from Romeo and Juliet Op. 75

Sergei Prokofiev (1891–1953)

II. Scene

Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages and Sermon Bingo cards in the children's pew (on the right-hand aisle in the front of the sanctuary). If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. 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: The LGBT+ Asylum Task Force

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBT+ individuals who are escaping discrimination and violence in their countries of origin and seeking asylum in the United States.

They are not permitted to work until they are granted a work permit and social security number, a process which can take more than a year. The mission of the Asylum Task Force is to provide them housing and financial support while they wait. In addition, they work to educate the public about this critical issue. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Darrell Waters Candles Chaplain, Arthur Judge Lead Greeter, Rachel Corey Lead Ushers, Deb Khobare Worship Coordinator, Rev. Beth Robbins Assistant Treasurers, Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes