Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 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

Tempelhof	<i>Yann Tiersen</i> (b. 1970)
I Say a Little Prayer	Burt Bacharach (b. 1928)
Le Matin	. <i>Yann Tiersen</i> (b. 1970)
Yulia Yun, piano	

Introit

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*Hymn 1008

When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

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.

- 1. 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. When we share the silence of sacred space, And the God of our Heart stirs within, And we feel the power of each other's faith, Then our heart is in a holy place.

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

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

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Yel 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 123

Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.

Sing in my heart Yal corazón,

All the stirrings of compassion. Cántale tu compasión.

Blow in the wind,

Rise in the sea;

Move in the hand,

Sopla al volar,

Sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear

Giving life the shape of justice. La justicia de la vida

Roots hold me close; Arráigame, Wings set me free; Libérame,

Spirit of Life, come to me, Fuente de Amor, ven a mí,

Come to me. Ven a mí.

SERMON

How Prayers Work Rev. Erica Rose Long

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Sanctus, from *Requiem* *Gabriel Fauré* (1845 – 1924)

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

Healing Prayer music: Nick Page (b. 1952) text: African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano; Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Parish Highlights

*Hymn

Olam chesed yibaneh Rabbi Menachem Creditor

Olam chesed yibaneh

I will build this world from love... yai dai dai

And you must build this world from love... yai dai dai

And if we build this world from love... yai dai dai

Then G*d will build this world from love... yai dai dai

*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

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

Like a Prayer *Madonna* (b. 1958) and *Pat Leonard* (b. 1956) Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages and Sermon Bingo cards in the children's pew (a box pew in the front right 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, cross through the chapel, and go through the first set of doors. The nursery is on your left before the glass doors and the stairs. If you'd like to stay in the service, Sarah and Morgen Cooleybeck are seated in the children's pew (look for Morgen's teal-colored hair!), and will very happily take your littles to play in the nursery!

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!*

Rev. Kim and Rev. Beth are away today and look forward to being with you next Sunday!