



**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**PRELUDE**

O for the Wings of a Dove.....*Felix Mendelssohn* (1809–1847)  
Scherzo – Cats (from *American Suite*)..... *Jean Langlais* (1907–1991)  
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

**WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

**INTROIT**

The Seventh Principle..... *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We believe in the interdependent web of all existence  
of which we are a part. Amen.

**GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

**\*HYMN**

We Celebrate the Web of Life.....text: *Alicia S. Carpenter* (1930–1990)  
music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We celebrate the web of life,  
Its magnitude we sing;  
For we can see divinity  
In every living thing.

Of ancient dreams we are the sum;  
Our bones link stone to star,  
And bind our future worlds to come  
With worlds that were and are.

A fragment of the perfect whole  
In cactus and in quail,  
As much in tiny barnacle  
As in the great blue whale.

Respect the water, land, and air  
Which gave all creatures birth;  
Protect the lives of all that share  
The glory of the earth.

*\*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 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 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 15

The Lone, Wild Bird.....text: *H. R. MacFayden* (1877–1964)  
music: *South Harmony* (1835)

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight  
Is still with thee nor leaves thy sight.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great spirit come and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand  
The sea's dark deep and far-off land.  
And I am thine! I rest in thee.  
Great spirit come and rest in me.

## HOMILY

What Animals Can Teach Us About Being Human....Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

De Animals A-Comin'.....*African American Spiritual*  
arrangement: *Marshall Bartholomew (1885–1978)*

Dere's animals and animals and animals  
And animals and animals and animals,  
Yes, Lord!

De animals a comin', one by one  
De old cow chewin' on a caraway bun  
De animals a comin', two by two  
De elephant and de kangaroo  
De animals a comin', three by three  
De bear and de bug an de bumble bee  
Oh de animals a comin', four by four  
De ol' hippopotamus stuck in de door  
De animals a comin', five by five  
Thus de animals did arrive  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah to the Lamb.

Oh de animals a comin', six by six,  
De hyena laughing at de monkey's tricks  
De animals a comin', seven by seven,  
De old fat pig says, "Who's dat shovin'?"  
De animals a comin', eight by eight  
Noah hollered out, "Shut dat gate!"  
Oh de animals a comin', nine by nine  
Noah hollered out, "Cut dat line!"  
Oh de animals a comin', ten by ten  
De old ark blew its whistle then

And nobody knew where they was at  
Till de old ark bumped on Ararat  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah to the Lamb.

## 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. In addition, we share each Sunday's collection with a partner in

our vital mission. 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. Kim, 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!*

#### SHARE THE PLATE: NEADS SERVICE DOGS



Founded in 1976, NEADS (National Education for Assistance Dog Services) trains service dogs. NEADS puppies are raised by inmates at New England prisons; train at the NEADS headquarters in Princeton, Massachusetts; and are then matched with adults and children seeking greater independence from physical and developmental disabilities. NEADS dogs are also matched with professional caregivers to provide therapeutic assistance in settings such as classrooms, hospitals, courthouses, and mental health practices. NEADS also offers their Trauma Assistance Dog (TAD) program for veterans diagnosed with combat-related post-traumatic stress.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC); 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

How Sweet It Is .....*Brian Holland* (b. 1941)

*Lamont Dozier* (b. 1941) & *Eddie Holland* (b. 1939)

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Sam LaGrego, percussion

How sweet it is to be loved by you

How sweet it is to be loved by you

I needed the shelter of someone's arms

And there you were

I needed someone to understand my ups and downs

And there you were

With sweet love and devotion

Deeply touching my emotions

I want to stop and thank you baby

I just want to stop and thank you baby

How sweet it is to be loved by you

How sweet it is to be loved by you

I close my eyes at night

Wondering where would I be without you in my life

Everything I did was just a bore

Everywhere I went it seems I'd been there before

But you brighten up for me all of my days

With a love so sweet in so many ways

I want to stop and thank you baby

I just want to stop and thank you baby

How sweet it is to be loved by you

How sweet it is to be loved by you

You were better to me than I've was for myself

For me, there's you and there ain't nobody else

I want to stop and thank you baby

I just want to stop and thank you baby

How sweet it is to be loved by you

How sweet it is to be loved by you

How sweet it is to be loved by you

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### ANIMAL PROMENADE

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

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

#### \*HYMN 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky..... text: *St. Francis of Assisi* (1182–1226), attributed  
tune: *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirschengesang* (1623)

All creatures of the earth and sky  
Come, kindred, lift your voices high  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beam  
Soft shining moon with silver gleam  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong  
White clouds that sail in heav'n along  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice  
High stars of evening find a voice  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear  
Make music for all life to hear  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright  
And bless us with your warmth and light  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Embracing earth, you, day by day  
Bring forth your blessings on our way  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
All herbs and fruits that richly grow  
Let them the glory also show  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you of understanding heart  
Forgiving others, take your part  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Let all things now the Holy bless  
And worship G\*d in humbleness  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## BENEDICTION AND 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	For your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your people are mine
Where you go I will go, beloved	Your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your divine, my divine

### POSTLUDE

The Longpont Carillon.....*Louis Vierne* (1870–1937)  
arrangement: *Pierre Gouin* (b. 1947)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ



*\* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,  
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G\*d's name.*

### 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!*