

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister Marie O'Brien, Worship Coordinator

CHALICE LIGHTING FOR PEACE

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Oseh Shalom.....text: *Liturgy of the Kaddish*, adapted music: *Bree Lowdermilk* (b. 1982)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano Andrew Stack, baritone

Oseh shalom bimromav Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

V'al kol Yisrael V'al kol ha'arets V'imru: amein. May he who makes peace in high places, Make peace for us and for all Israel,

And for all the lands And let us say: amen.

GREETINGS

*HYMN 18

What Wondrous Love.....text: American Folk Hymn

new lyrics: Connie Campbell Hart (b. 1929)

music: Southern Harmony (1835)

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss And takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul And takes away the pain of my soul

When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground
Friends to me gathered round, O my soul, O my soul
Friends to me gathered round, O my soul

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing
To love and to all friends I will sing
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend
With thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing
With thanks unto the end I will sing

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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.

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,
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 271

Come Down, O Love Divinetext: *Bianco da Siena* (c. 1350–1399) translation: *Richard Frederick Littledale* (1833–1890), alt. music: *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872–1958)

Andrew Stack, baritone

Come down, O Love divine
Seek thou this soul of mine
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing
O Comforter, draw near
Within my heart appear
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing

O let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming
And let its glorious light
Shine ever on my sight
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming

And so the glory strong
For which the soul will long
Shall far outpass the power of human telling
For none can guess its grace
Till we become the place
Wherein the holy spirit makes a dwelling

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Agnus Dei, from *Missa Sancti Antonii de Padua....... Guillaume Du Fay* (c. 1397–1474) Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano Samuel LaGrego, tenor

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 OR code
- 2. Visit <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>
- 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 <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u> or by contacting Liz Teixeira at

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!

OCTOBER SHARE THE PLATE: LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTER FOR TIBETAN REFUGEES

Ani Choyang was raised in central Tibet. When she was 18 years old, in the dark of night, she slipped across the border and spent 35 days walking across the frozen Himalaya to Nepal and then to India, seeking to escape the repressive Chinese government, attend school for the first time, and ordain as a nun with His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Ani-la did all these things and more, including teaching herself English, earning a doctorate in Buddhist philosophy, and winning a prestigious residency for the advanced study of science at Emory University. Today, she lives in Southern India, where she serves as the abbess at Jangchub Choeling Nunnery, in charge of the education and wellbeing of 285 nuns, ages 7 to 80 years old. Partnering with The Tibet Fund, her next dream is to build a library and learning center so the nuns can complement their traditional studies with math, science, and computer science education.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to support Tibetan refugees and the advancement of women who have overcome unimaginable challenges to secure an education. 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. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

An Die Musik......music: Franz Schubert (1797–1828) text: Franz von Schober (1796–1882)

translation: Richard Wigmore

Hannah Shanefield, soprano Hyunju Jung, piano

Du holde Kunst, in wieviel grauen Stunden, Wo mich des Lebens wilder Kreis umstrickt, Hast du mein Herz zu warmer Lieb entzunden, Hast mich in eine bessre Welt entrückt!

Oft hat ein Seufzer, deiner Harf entflossen, Ein süsser, heiliger Akkord von dir Den Himmel bessrer Zeiten mir erschlossen, Du holde Kunst, ich danke dir dafür!

Beloved art, in how many a bleak hour, when I am enmeshed in life's tumultuous round, have you kindled my heart to the warmth of love, and borne me away to a better world!

Often a sigh, escaping from your harp, a sweet, celestial chord has revealed to me a heaven of happier times. Beloved art, for this I thank you!

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Life Calls Us On text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955) music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

Here in reverence now we gather For the blessings we have known, With a pledge to one another That we journey not alone. Joy and sorrow make us wise, Kin to all that lives and dies; Love calls us on, love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us Waken here to keep us strong; Blend our voices in the chorus Of creation's living song. Courage bids us lift our eyes Upward to the shining skies; Hope calls us on, hope calls on.

Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize,
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour When the truth has made us free, And the spirit's gracious power Dreamed of good that yet shall be. Bright the path before us lies Joyful pilgrims now we rise; Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

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

