Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, 2019

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

Prelude and Fugue No. 11 in F Major BWV 880 from *The Well-Tempered Clavier* J.S. Bach (1685 - 1750) Yulia Yun, piano

Introit

In the quiet and the stillness of the morning, In the quiet and the stillness of the day, In this quiet, holy place, I find blessed peace within, In the quiet and the stillness of the morning

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

New Member Joining Ceremony

Reading 442 We Bid You Welcome

*HYMN 112

Do You Hear?

- 1 Do you hear, oh my friend, in the place where you stand, through the sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear? In the heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main, in the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?
- 2 Through the roar, through the rush, through the throng, through the crush, do you hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul? Hear the cry fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will, hear a sigh's startling trill in your soul, in your soul?
- 3 From the place where you stand to the outermost strand, do you hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear? All the dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers--they are yours, mine, and theirs--do you hear, do you hear?

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

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 352

Find a Stillness

1 Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the stillness carry me. Find the silence, hold the silence, let the silence carry me. In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power, I will find true harmony.

2 Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the essence carry me. Let me flower, help me flower, watch me flower, carry me. In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power, I will find true harmony.

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

To Sit and Dream text: Langston Hughes (1902 - 1967) music: Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

To sit and dream, to sit and read,

To sit and learn about the world.

Outside our world of here and now -

Our problem world -

To dream of vast horizons of the soul,

Of dreams made whole,

Unfettered free - help me!

All you who are dreamers, too,

Help me make our world anew.

I reach out my hand to you.

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

I am heading for a time of quiet When my restlessness is past And I can lie down on my blanket And release my fists at last

I am heading for a time of solitude Of peace without illusions When the perfect circle Marries all beginnings and conclusions

And when they say
That you're not good enough
Well the answer is
You're not

But who are they
Or what is it

Or what is it
That eats at what you've got
With the hunger of ambition
For the change inside the purse
They are handcuffs on the soul, my friends
Handcuffs on the soul
And worse

I am heading for a place of quiet Where the sage and sweet grass grow By a lake of sacred water From the mountain's melted snow

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 131

- Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
 Hope inside us, will lead the way
 On the road from greed to giving.
 Love will guide us through the hard night.
- 2. If you cannot speak like angels,
 If you cannot speak before thousands,
 You can give from deep within you.
 You can change the world with your love.
- 3. You are like no other being.
 What you can give, no other can give
 To the future of our children
 To the future of the world where we live.
- 4. Share the song and share the silence; Share the shade and share the light With every friend, neighbor, stranger On our journey through this life.
- 5. Hear the song of hope within you Heed the song of peace in your heart Spring's beginning shall lead to the harvest Love will guide us on our way.
- 6. Love will guide us...

*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

Fantasie-Impromptu In C# Minor, Op. 66

Frédéric Chopin (1810 - 1849)

Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

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 will be on your left before the stairs.

October Share the Plate: RAICES

This month, our Share the Plate partner is RAICES: The Refugee Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services. RAICES is a non-profit agency that provides free and low-cost legal services to underserved immigrant children, families, and refugees. For more information, please visit raicestexas.org. *Thank you for your generosity!*