ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

Honoring All Souls Day and El Día de Los Muertos ~ The Day of the Dead

Today, we honor and celebrate all those whom we have loved and lost.

Please display photos and mementos in your Zoom square
or add them to the altar in the front of the sanctuary.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

There is a land high on a hill where I am going There is a voice that calls to me The air is sweet, the grasses wave The wind is blowing away up in the farthest field

Chorus

Oh walk with me and we will see the mystery revealed When one day we wend our way up to the farthest field

The sun will rise, the sun will set

Across the mountains and we will live in beauty there The fragrant flowers, the days and hours Will not be counted and peaceful songs will fill the air

Chorus

I know one day I'll leave my home Here in this valley and climb up to that field so fair And when I'm called and counted in That final tally I know that I will see you there

Chorus

Oh my dear friends I truly love
To hear your voices lifted up in radiant song
And through the years we all have made our separate choices
We've ended here where we belong

Chorus

GREETINGS Hala Hazar, Worship Coordinator

THE DEDICATION OF HAVEN VIOLA SIMMONS

Daughter of Brooke & Tommy Simmons

*HYMN 354

We Laugh, We Cry Shelley Jackson Denham (1950–2013)

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love And we have found a need to be together We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive And we believe that sharing is an answer

A child is born among us and we feel a special glow We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child And we believe in life, and in the strength of love And we have found a time to be together And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth And we believe that growing is an answer

Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done The memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love And we have found a place to be together We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe That peace within our living is an answer

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love And we have found a joy being together And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see Even to question, truly is an answer

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.

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 1001

Breaths......music: *Ysaye Barnwell* (b. 1946) text: *Birago Diop* (1906–1989), adapted

Chorus

Listen more often to things than to beings
Listen more often to things than to beings
'Tis the Ancestor's breath when the fire's voice is heard
'Tis the Ancestor's breath in the voice of the waters
Zah Whsshh, Aahh Whsshh

Those who have died have never, never left
The dead are not under the earth
They are in the rustling trees
They are in the groaning woods
They are in the crying grass
They are in the moaning rocks
The dead are not under the earth

Chorus

Those who have died have never, never left
The dead have a pact with the living
They are in the woman's breast
They are in the wailing child
They are with us in our homes
They are with us in this crowd
The dead have a pact with the living

Chorus

Zah Whsshh, Aahh Whsshh

SERMON

Deep Grief, Great Love Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Beati Mortui music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847) text: Revelations 14:13

Beati mortui in Domino morientes Deinceps, dicit enim spiritus, Ut requiescant a laboribus suis Et opera illorum sequentuur ipsos. Blessed are the dead from henceforth Yea, saith the Spirit, That they may rest from their labors; And their works do follow them.

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



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- 2. Visit <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>
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If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC 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

The Good Life music: Sacha Distel (1933–2004) lyrics: Jack Reardon (1934–2013)

Joe Della Penna (Jazz Artist-in-Residence), piano and vocals

in Memory of Tony Bennett, John Heiss, Richard Herdegen, and Ahmad Jamal

Oh, The Good Life
Full of fun seems to be the ideal.
Yes, The Good Life
Makes you hide
all the sadness you feel.

You won't really fall in love, For you can't take a chance. So be honest with yourself, Don't try to fake romance. Yes, The Good Life
To be free and explore the
unknown,
Like the heartache when you learn
You must face life alone.

Please remember, I still want you, And in case you wonder why, Well, just wake up, Kiss The Good Life, goodbye.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 103

For All the Saints.....text: William Walsham How (1823–1897)
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

For all the saints who from their labors rest Who thee by faith before the world confessed Thy name most holy be forever blest Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their shelter, and their might Their strength and solace in the well-fought fight Thou, in the darkness deep their one true light Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion of the saints divine! We live in struggle, they in glory shine Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

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