Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts
Sunday, October 6th, 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.

The flowers this morning are given in celebration of the wedding of Chris Nix & John Pollock.

Congratulations!

PRELUDE

SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lishmo'a kol shofar.

Blessed are you, Source of All, who has blessed us with the ritual of hearing the sound of the shofar.

Introit

Oseh Shalom text: Liturgy of the Kaddish, adapted music: Joshua Bornfield (b. 1980)

Oseh shalom bimromav Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu V'al kol Yisrael V'al kol ha'arets V'imru, v'imeru: 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.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

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

*Hymn

All Of Us text: Rev. Theresa Inés Soto, adapted music: Rev. Joanna Lubkin (b. 1985)

All of us need all of us to make it

You know that all of us need all of us to survive

All of us need all of us to make it

What if all of us, all of us could thrive?

How will you break down walls today?

Will you reach out or turn away?

How will you build a world where

All of us, all of us could thrive?

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

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,
And to help one another.

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn 318

We Would Be One

1 We would be one as now we join in singing our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew to that high cause of greater understanding of who we are, and what in us is true. We would be one in living for each other to show to all a new community.

2 We would be one in building for tomorrow a nobler world than we have known today. We would be one in searching for that meaning which bends our hearts and points us on our way. As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service, with love and justice, strive to make us free.

SERMON

Closer Than We Think Rev. Joanna Lubkin

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

I Will Be Earth text: *May Swenson* (1913 - 1989) music: Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

I will be earth, you be the flower, You have found my root, you are the rain, I will be boat, and you the rower. You rock me and toss me, you are the sea.

How be steady earth that is now a flood. The root is the oar afloat where has blown our bud. We will be desert, pure salt the seed. Burn radiant love, born scorpion need.

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 OR code. *Thank you for* operations) or scan the QR code. Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Blood Brothers Ingrid Michaelson (b. 1979), adapted Mark David Buckles, piano & vocals Tevan Goldberg and Daniel Rosensweig, vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Hymn 354

We Laugh, We Cry

1 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.

- 2 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.
- 3 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.

4 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.

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

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

Songs with Words Op. 67 Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

II. Allegro leggiero

IV. Presto: Spinnerlied

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!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Darrell Waters
Candles Chaplain, Art Judge
Lead Greeter Queen Cheryl
Lead Usher, Philip Roberts
Worship Coordinator, Art Nava
Assistant Treasurers, Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie is speaking at the retreat for retired Unitarian Universalist ministers this week and looks forward to being with you next Sunday!