ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023 Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day

Today's flowers are a gift from Kaye Harvie's daughters.

Welcome and thanks to our family for being here today —

You are Kaye's very best legacy!

PRELUDE

WELCOME, LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Sometimes I remember the old days
When the world was filled with sorrow
You might have thought I was living
But I was all alone
In my heart the rain was falling
The wind blew and

The night was calling Come back, come back, I'm all you've ever known

Open the door and come on in
I'm so glad to see you my friend
You're like a rainbow coming around the bend
And when I see you happy
Well, it sets my heart free
I'd like to be as good a friend to you
As you are to me

There were friends who could always see me Through the haze their smiles would reach me Saying okay, saying goodbye, saying hello Soon I knew just what I was after Was life and love, tears and laughter Hello, my good friend, hello my darling What do you know

Open the door and come on in
I'm so glad to see you my friend
You're like a rainbow coming around the bend
And when I see you happy
Well, it sets my heart free
I'd like to be as good a friend to you
As you are to me

I used to think it was only me feeling alone Not feeling free to be alive to be a friend Now I know we all have stormy weather The sun shines through when we're together I'll be your friend right through to the end

Open the door and come on in I'm so glad to see you my friends
You're all like rainbows coming around the bend
And when I see you happy
Well, it sets my heart free
I'd like to be as good a friend to you
As you are to me

The promise of the Spirit
Faith, hope and love abide
And so every soul is blessed and made whole
The truth in our hearts is our guide

Chorus

We are answering the call of love Hands joined together as hearts beat as one Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim We are answering the call of love

Sometimes we build a barrier
To keep love tightly bound
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear
Denying the beauty we've found

Chorus

We are answering the call of love Hands joined together as hearts beat as one Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim We are answering the call of love

A bright new day is dawning When love will not divide Reflections of grace in every embrace Fulfilling the vision divine

Chorus

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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, 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 ostros.

*HYMN

From the moment you're born With every beat of your heart There's an endless flow Of love and you know Each of us is a part

When you wake in the morn And you see the sun rise Drawing strength from the love And the light from above Then you realize...

Chorus

It begins with the heart When you answer love's call And the reason we give And the reason we live Is for the heart of it all

Every road that you choose Every path that you take Every day, every night How you live your life Is a choice you make

Every heart that you lift Every burden you ease Every hand that you hold Are the ways that your soul Help the world find peace

Chorus

It begins with the heart
When you answer love's call
And the reason we give
And the reason we live
Is for the heart of it all

I don't know if the answer Can ever be found But, the justice we seek And the truth that we speak Are our common ground In that moment of truth We must answer the call Go wherever love goes Letting everyone know It's for the heart of it all

Chorus

It begins with the heart When you answer love's call And the reason we give And the reason we live Is for the heart of it all

SERMON

The Big Heart of Universalism...... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hold on, to me as we go
As we roll down this unfamiliar road
And although this wave is stringing us along
Just know you're not alone
'Cause we're going to make this place our home

Hold on, to me as we go
As we roll down this unfamiliar road
And although this wave is stringing us along
Just know you're not alone
'Cause we're going to make this place our home

Settle down, it'll all be clear
Don't pay no mind to the demons
They fill you with fear
The trouble it might drag you down
If you get lost, you can always be found
Just know you're not alone
'Cause we're going to make this place our home

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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 <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 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, in particular, the advancement of women who have overcome unimaginable challenges to secure an education. To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit 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

I have a voice
Started out as a whisper, turned into a scream
Made a beautiful noise
Shoulder to shoulder, marching in the street
When you're all alone, it's a quiet breeze
But when you band together, it's a choir
Of thunder and rain, now we have a choice
'Cause I have a voice

I'm not living to die
Don't stand in a wasteland
Look at me in the eye
Stop living a lie
And stand up next to me
You've got to put one foot in front of another
With a hand in a hand holding on to each other

Go on and rejoice 'Cause you have a voice

It is loud, it is clear
It's stronger than your fear
It's believing you belong
It's calling out the wrong
From the silence of my sisters
To the violence of my brothers
We can, we can rage
Against the river feel the pain of another
I have a voice

I have a voice
And I let it speak for the ones
Who aren't yet really free
It's killing me
No one's saying what we need to hear
I will not let silence win
When I see all the pain our people are in
There's no other choice
'Cause I have a voice

It is loud, it is clear
It's stronger than your fear
It's believing you belong
It's for calling out the wrong
From the mouths of our mothers
To the lips of our daughters
We can, we can dream
Like our children speaking out across the waters
We can, we can heal
Can you hear us?
Can you hear us now?

I have a voice Started out a whisper, turned into a scream Made a beautiful noise Shoulder to shoulder, marching in the street When you're all alone, it's a quiet breeze But when you band together, it's a choir Of thunder and rain Now we have a choice 'Cause I have a voice

Now we have a choice 'Cause I have a voice

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Mark David Buckles, percussion and vocals

Think of your fellow man Lend him a helping hand Put a little love in your heart You see it's getting late Oh, please don't hesitate Put a little love in your heart

And the world will be a better place And the world will be a better place For you and me If we work to make it be

Another day goes by
And still the children cry
Put a little love in your heart
If you want the world to know
We won't let hatred grow

Put a little love in your heart
And the world will be a better place
And the world will be a better place
For you and me
If we work to make it be
If we work to make it be

Take a good look around And if you're lookin' down Put a little love in your heart And I hope when you decide Justice will be your guide Put a little love in your heart

Put a little love in your heart (repeat)

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



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 to claim your date! *Thank you!*