

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 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

Thanks Be To Thee *G. F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)
Andante from *Organ Concerto, Op. 4, No. 1*

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 68

Come, Ye Thankful People

1 Come, ye thankful people, come, raise a song of harvest home: fruit and crops are gathered in, safe before the storms begin; God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise a song of harvest home.

2 All the world is but a field, given for a fruitful yield; wheat and tares together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown: first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; God of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

INTROIT

Love is The Spirit music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
text: *Arlington Street Church's Affirmation and Covenant*

Tevan Goldberg, baritone

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 1010

We Give Thanks

1. Oh, we give thanks for this precious day, For all gather'd here, and those far away; For this time we share with love and care, Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

2. Oh, we give thanks for this precious day, For all gather'd here, and those far away; For this food we share with love and care, Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

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.
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***HYMN 128**

For All That Is Our Life

1 For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

2 For needs which others serve, for services we give, for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love; we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

3 For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss, for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass: we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

4 For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

SERMON

Grateful Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name! *Keith Hampton* (b. 1957)

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

Chanson d'Automne *Stephen Reynolds* (b. 1947)

Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 67

We Sing Now Together

1 We sing now together our song of thanksgiving, rejoicing in goods which the ages have wrought, for life that enfolds us, and helps and heals and holds us, and leads beyond the goals which our forebears once sought.

2 We sing of the freedoms which martyrs and heroes have won by their labor, their sorrow, their pain; the oppressed befriending, our ampler hopes defending, their death becomes a triumph, they died not in vain.

3 We sing of the prophets, the teachers, the dreamers, designers, creators, and workers, and seers; our own lives expanding, our gratitude commanding, their deeds have made immortal their days and their years.

4 We sing of community now in the making in every far continent, region, and land; with those of all races, all times and names and places, we pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand.

*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

Chorale Improvisation on “Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877 - 1933)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages and Sermon Bingo cards in the children's pew, on the right aisle in the front of the sanctuary. 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 is on your left before the stairs.

November Share the Plate: Only a Child

Founded in Guatemala City in 1994 by Arlington Street member George Leger, Only a Child maintains a shelter and carpentry shop and insures an education for street kids. The shelter, housing up to a dozen guys at a time, is far more than a place to sleep; it provides a surrogate family in which the youth are taught responsibility and accountability and develop confidence and self-esteem. All of them work, many in the on-site shop, where they learn carpentry skills and produce finely crafted cedar boxes they sell to support the program. They also go to school. In a bid to maximize the kids' chances to leave the streets once and for all, we sponsor their tuition at high-quality independent schools and at university. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Ali Jablonsky*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Tom Anderson*

Lead Usher, *Jeff Hale*

Worship Coordinator, *John O'Connor*

Assistant Treasurers, *Dawn Bellamo & Reese Millican*

Happy Thanksgiving!