Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018

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

Introit

May It Be Enya (b. 1961)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 112

Do You Hear?

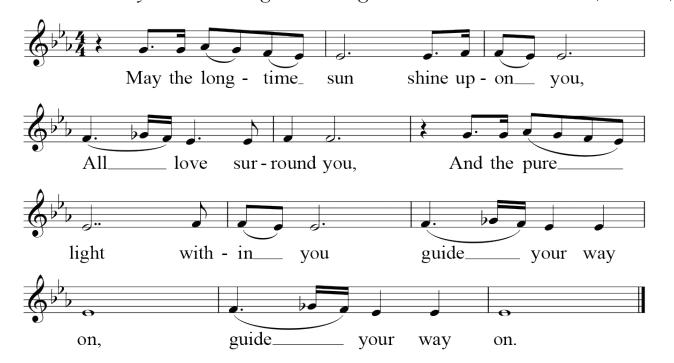
1 Do you hear, oh my friend, in the place where you stand, through the sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear? In the heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main, in the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?

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?

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING



At this time, all children are welcome to leave with Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry!

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

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 95

There Is More Love Somewhere

1 There is more love somewhere. There is more love somewhere. I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love somewhere.

2 There is more hope somewhere. There is more hope somewhere. I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more hope somewhere.

3 There is more peace somewhere. There is more peace somewhere. I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more peace somewhere.

4 There is more joy somewhere. There is more joy somewhere. I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more joy somewhere.

SERMON

Other Forces at Work Rev. Joanna Lubkin

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Daniel Rosensweig and Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

When it seems that the end is upon us And it feels like all hope is gone I can think of you with a fondness And I know a new day will come

Chorus

The world I want to see, I see it in you

In your heart, I can find true courage And a wisdom that shines like the sun You remind me despite all our worries There's a greatness that grows in everyone

Chorus

There's a world on her way to find us Where justice rolls like a mighty stream Not above, but below, and inside us On a quiet day, I can hear her breathe!

Chorus

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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 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 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1015

I Know I Can

- 1. Though days be dark with storms And burdens weigh my heart; Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.
- 2. When sorrow heals my soul And burdens make me strong, Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.
- 3. My sister in my heart, My brother in my song, Though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.
- 4. And though the journey is long, The destination is near, Though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.
- 5. So brothers take my hand, And sisters sing my song, When hope awaits at every turn, I know we will go on.

*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

'Cause your people are my people

Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God, from Cantata No. 79

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Rev. Kim; Mark David Buckles, Director of Music; and the Arlington Street Choir are off today. They look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

Today in Family Ministry

Today after the Children's Blessing, Dave and our children will gather in the Hunnewell Chapel for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Then we will head down to the Perkins room to learn about how we as UU's can engage in direct social action. Today's project will involve creating Happy Holiday cards to give to the guests of the Friday Night Supper Program. These cards will be attached to the mittens, socks, and gloves donated during our Mitten Tree Service. The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. 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, Art Nava
Candles Chaplain, Art Judge
Lead Greeter, Tom Anderson
Lead Usher, Deb Vittner
Worship Coordinator, Darrell Waters
Assistant Treasurers, Nancy George & Paul Babbitt