

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 2017

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

Improvisation on *Amazing Grace*

Mark David Buckles, organ

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Amaze Me *Tylan Greenstein*

Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

*GREETINGS

*HYMN 21

For the Beauty of the Earth

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children's Benediction text: *Barbara Pescan*

music: *Bart Bradfield*

May the long - time_ sun shine up - on_ you,
All_____ love sur - round you, And the pure_____
light with - in_ you guide_____ your way
on, guide_____ your way on.

At this time, all children are welcome to join the Children's Religious Education program!

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

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *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.
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*HYMN 77

Seek Not Afar For Beauty

sung to the tune of Hymn 164 The Peace Not Past Our Understanding

SERMON

Reuniting with Awe Rev. Joanna Lubkin

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Somewhere Over the Rainbow text: *E.Y. Harburg (1896 - 1981)*
music: *Harold Arlen (1905 - 1986)*

What a Wonderful World *Bob Thiele (1922 - 1996)*
and *George David Weiss (1921 - 2010)*
arrangement: *Israel Kamakawiwo'ole (1959 - 1997)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

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!

Rev. Kim; Beth Robbins, Interim Director of Family Ministry; and the Arlington Street Choir are off today. They look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

OFFERTORY

Two Rivers *Larry Unger* (b. 1951)

Julie Metcalf, violin
Mark David Buckles, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1064

Blue Boat Home

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL *(sung twice; please join in!)*

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.*

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Mark David Buckles, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

In preparation for Mitten Tree Sunday on December 10th, today's CRE class is dedicated to exploring this unique Unitarian Universalist tradition. Children are invited to join Erica and Fishey in the Perkins Room to assemble our mitten tree and to learn why we decorate with hats, scarves, and gloves.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, 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

Only a Child, founded in Guatemala City in 1994 by Arlington Street member George Leger, 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!