*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

Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages and Sermon Bingo cards in the children's pew (on the right-hand 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.

December Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's hungry and unhoused people.

Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Patrick Cooleybeck
Candles Chaplain, Darrell Waters
Lead Greeter, David Scanlon
Lead Ushers, Bill Briggs & Keith Perron
Worship Coordinator, James Foleno
Assistant Treasurers, Paul Babbitt & Bruce Dallaire

Please silence your cell phone.

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Deb Pontes (chair) / Philip Roberts (vice-chair) Joe Alen / Dan Brotman / Nikki DeRome Reese Millican / Alan Rodgers Julia Simon / Darrell Waters

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Liz Teixeira (treasurer) / Tom Anderson \mathcal{E} Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows will resume in April 2020. For more information, please visit www.asctiffany.org.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

Staff Directory

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Rev. George G. Whitehouse, Minister at Large

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Rev. Erica Rose Long

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Rev. Vera O'Brien

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Rev. Fred Small

Minister for Climate Justice

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Sunday, December 15th, 2019 Advent III ~ Joy

O Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

- 1. The inherent WORTH and DIGNITY of every being
- 2. JUSTICE, EQUITY, and COMPASSION in all relation
- 3. ACCEPTANCE of one another and encouragment of SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- . A free and responsible search for TRUTH and MEANING
- 5. The right of CONSCIENCE and the use of the DEMOCRATIC process
- 5. The goal of world community with PEACE,
 LIBERTY, and JUSTICE for all
- 7. RESPECT for the INTERDEPENDENT WEB of which we are a part
- Building BELOVED COMMUNITY by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church Boston, Massachusetts Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 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

Sechs Kinderstücke Op. 72 Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847) Yulia Yun, piano

Introit

Tevan Goldberg, baritone

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent III ~ Joy Jenna Crawford

*Hymn 390

Gaudeamus Hodie (Let Us Rejoice Today)

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 of this congregation, And service is our gift. Y el 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, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, And to help one another. Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn 226

People Look East

SERMON

Kindling a Spark Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Verleih uns Frieden music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847) text: *Martin Luther* (1483 - 1546) adapted from *Da Pacem*, *Domine*, a votive antiphon for peace

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

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

When there is love,

I can't wait to talk about it

When things get rough,

I like to walk with you

Or when it's night,

I like to be the light that's missing

And remind you every minute

Of the future isn't written, not yet

When there is love,

Or when the heart feels heavy

We can lighten it up,

If you've had enough,

Well you can empty your glass

And we can fill it back up

You know it's up to us to make it all up,

So what you making up?

I can make it up back.

You could be loved no matter what

And know the only time is right now,

It's right where you are

You don't need a vacation

When there's nothing to escape from

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

Chorus

Singing la la, let's all sing La la la la la la, laying it down, Everything is sound Singing la la, let's all sing La la la la la la, laying it down Ha la la la la - lelujah, we're connected now

Let's sing to be happy,

To feel things,

To communicate, and be heard

Or sing out to protest, and to project,

And to harmonize with birds

Whether it's your birthday or your dying day,

It's a celebration too

Rejoice to use your voice

And give wings to any old choice

Whatever you're choosing right now,

It's right where you are

You don't need a vacation

When there's nothing to escape from

Set your vibration and undulation

To the highest it can go

And trust me, hear me

If it makes you wanna sing, just sing it

Chorus

It's a song that I've forgotten often It doesn't make me wrong Cause we all need the darkness, To see the light in our own eyes

Chorus

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Hymn

Set a Fire. Will Reagan

Set a fire down in my soul

That I can't contain and I can't control

I want more of you, G*d / Love

I want more of you, G*d / Love

There's no place I would rather be

There's no place I would rather be

There's no place I would rather be

Than here in your love, here in your love!

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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