# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Today's pulpit flowers are given by the Covenant Renewal Team with love and thanks for the generosity of our beloved spiritual community.

#### **PRELUDE**

# WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open the Door ...... Judy Collins (b. 1939)

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

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

### Chorus

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

## Chorus

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

### **Chorus**

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

GREETINGS ...... Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

## \*Hymn

What the World Needs Now Is Love ...... music: Burt Bacharach (1928 – 2023) text: Hal David (1921 – 2012)

In Memory of Burt Bacharach

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

#### Chorus

What the world needs now is love, sweet love It's the only thing that there's just too little of What the world needs now is love, sweet love No not just for some, but for everyone

Lord, we don't need another mountain There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb There are oceans and rivers enough to cross Enough to last 'til the end of time

#### Chorus

What the world needs now is love, sweet love It's the only thing that there's just too little of What the world needs now is love, sweet love No, not just for some, but for everyone

Lord, we don't need another meadow There are cornfields and wheatfields enough to grow There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine Oh listen, Lord, if you want to know

#### Chorus

What the world needs now is love, sweet love It's the only thing that there's just too little of What the world needs now is love, sweet love No, not just for some, but for everyone

# COVENANT RENEWAL 2023 ~ #ASCNATION ...... Rich Abreu

In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our covenant of love, service, justice, and peace and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. Covenant Renewal Sunday is coming up on March 5th!

# **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

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance here. During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

### **AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT**

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu of this congregation, de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Yel 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,
And to help one another.

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

# \*Hymn 1009

Breathe in, breathe out Breathe in, breathe out

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love

#### **SERMON**

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Adinu ...... text: Ibn 'Arabi (1165 – 1240), Isaiah 6:3, and Traditional Islamic Prayer music: Traditional Sufi Melody

choral arrangement: Shireen Abu-Khader & André de Quadros

As they recover from last week's devastating earthquake, we hold the people of Turkey and Syria in our hearts

Natalia St Jean, soprano Samuel LaGrego, tenor Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano Hyunju Jung, harmonium

I follow the religion of love Wherever love is found For love is my religion and my faith

Holy, holy, holy You are the Lord G\*d Heaven and earth Are full of your great glory

Almighty G\*d, of great dignity Our Creator, I ask you to be merciful on all I come to you, the revealer of all obstacles Hoping for your approval as I have none but you

### **About Today's Anthem**

Adinu (Chorus and Solo 1) is a traditional Sufi melody, the text of which is attributed to the Andalusian Moorish Sufi mystic, philosopher, poet, and sage, Abū 'Abd Allāh Muhammad ibn 'Alī ibn Muhammad ibn'Arabī al-Hātimī atTā'ī (1165 – 1240). Born and brought up in Spain, and traveling widely in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey), he died in Damascus. Regarded as one of the most influential figures in world spirituality, his writings numbered more than 350 books, which he considered to be divinely inspired by the prophets Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad. Known as "The Great Master," he believed that love was the dominant existential and universal force. Accordingly, he is, even today, a powerful symbol of inter-religious harmony.

Qudduus (Solo 2) means "Holy" and is a text from Isaiah 6:3, which is central to Christian, Islamic, and Jewish worship. In Islam, Qudduus refers to one of the 99 names of G\*d as found in the Qur'an. The text is strikingly similar to the Christian Sanctus (Latin for "Holy") and is a precursor to it. The melody is derived from a Christian Maronite hymn.

Subhanaka (Solo 3) is a prayer for forgiveness in the Islamic ibtihal tradition. Muslims are taught many such phrases to repeat daily to ask for G\*d's forgiveness.

## **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 tinyurl.com/GiveASC
  - 3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
  - 4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
  - 5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church 351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

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!

## FEBRUARY SHARE THE PLATE: RENEWAL HOUSE

For over forty years, Renewal House has provided temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence agencies to provide shelter to male as well as female survivors and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House is dedicated to working with underserved populations, including queer communities, elders, and individuals with disabilities.

Among its many programs, Renewal House offers a 24-hour hotline, bilingual Spanish and English advocacy, support groups and pastoral counseling, English as a second language (ESL) classes, job training, and community outreach education. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.uuum.org/dv-services">www.uuum.org/dv-services</a>.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit **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 to this lifesaving ministry!* 

### **OFFERTORY**

You Will Be Found

music and lyrics: Benj Pasek (b. 1985) & Justin Paul (b. 1985)

from Dear Evan Hansen

Mark David Buckles, vocals Bek Zehr, vocals Hyunju Jung, piano Julie Metcalf, violin Samuel LaGrego, cajon

Have you ever felt like nobody was there? Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere? Have you ever felt like you could disappear? Like you could fall, and no one would hear?

Well, let that lonely feeling wash away Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay 'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand You can reach, reach out your hand

And oh, someone will come running And I know, they'll take you home

Even when the dark comes crashing through When you need a friend to carry you And when you're broken on the ground You will be found

So let the sun come streaming in 'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again Lift your head and look around You will be found

You will be found You will be found You will be found You will be found

There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown And every time that you call out You're a little less alone If you only say the word From across the silence your voice is heard

Even when the dark comes crashing through When you need a friend to carry you When you're broken on the ground You will be found

So let the sun come streaming in 'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again If you only look around You will be found You will be found

Out of the shadows
The morning is breaking
And all is new, all is new
It's filling up the empty
And suddenly I see that
All is new, all is new

You are not alone You are not alone You are not alone You are not alone

Even when the dark comes crashing through When you need someone to carry you When you're broken on the ground You will be found

So when the sun comes streaming in 'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again If you only look around You will be found

You will be found You will be found You will be found You will be found

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

# \*Hymn 95

## Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

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

There is more hope...

There is more peace...

There is more joy...

There is more love right here, There is more love right here, I'm gonna keep on 'cause I've found it. There is more love right here.

## 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**



\* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish, we follow the tradition of not spelling out G\*d's name.

## 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, bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space), or a member of the staff will purchase them (~\$50). Please email our congregational administrator, Jess (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org),

to claim your date! Thank you!

# **Staff Directory**

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie (she/her), Senior Minister

**Rev. Beth Robbins** (she/her), Executive Minister

Rev. George G. Whitehouse (he/him), Minister at Large

**Community Ministers** 

Rev. John Gibbons (he/him)

Minister for Good Trouble

Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason (she/her)

Minister for Spiritual Direction

Rev. Fred Small (he/him)

Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her)

Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center

Dr. Arthur Judge (he/him)

Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Erica Rose Long (she/her)

Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

Rev. Joanna Lubkin (she/her)

Interim Minister, Theodore Parker Church

Rev. Vera O'Brien (she/her) Chaplain, HopeHealth Hospice Music

Mark David Buckles (he/him), Director of Music

Hyunju Jung (she/her), Collaborative Pianist

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him), Artist in Residence

**Choir Section Leaders** 

Hannah Shanefield(she/her), Soprano

Bek Zehr (they/them), Mezzo Soprano

Samuel LaGrego (he/him), Tenor

Andrew Stack (he/him), Baritone

#### Administration

Jess Acosta (she/they), Congregational Administrator

Laurinda O'Connor (she/her), Publications

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