# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**

English Suite No.1 in A Major BWV 806 ..... *J.S. Bach* (1685 – 1750) VIII. Bourrée I and II IX. Gigue Yulia Yun, organ

# Introit

# WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

# \*Hymn 38

Morning has Broken

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new 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

#### 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.

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

# \*HYMN 329

Life Has Loveliness to Sell

- 1 Life has loveliness to sell, all beautiful and splendid things, blue waves whitened on a cliff, soaring fire that sways and sings, and children's faces looking up, holding wonder like a cup.
- 2 Life has loveliness to sell, as music, like a curve of gold, scent of pine trees in the rain, eyes that love you, arms that hold, and for your spirit's still delight, holy thoughts that star the night.
- 3 Spend all you have for loveliness, to buy and never count the cost: for one stinging hour of peace count a year of strife well lost, and for a breath of ecstasy give all you have been, or could be.

## **SERMON**

Delight ...... Rev. Erica Rose Long

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Beloved Presence ...... text: *Hafez* (1325 – 1389 Persia) music: *Travis D. Vaughn III* (b. 1952)

Cloak yourself in a thousand ways; still shall I know you, my Beloved.

Veil yourself with every enchantment and yet I shall feel you, Presence most dear, close and intimate.

I shall salute you in the springing of cypresses and in the sheen of lakes, the laughter of fountains.

I shall surely see you in tumbling clouds, in brightly embroidered meadows.

Oh, Beloved Presence, more beautiful than all the stars together, I trace your face in ivy that climbs, in clusters of grapes, in morning flaming the mountains, in the clear arch of sky. You gladden the whole earth and make every heart great. You are the breathing of the world.

## **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**

Hooray!	
After Music	
Julie Metcalf and Tevan Goldberg, fiddle	

Mark David Buckles, guitar

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

#### \*Hymn

My Favorite Things ...... text: Oscar Hammerstein II (1895 – 1960) from The Sound of Music music: Richard Rodgers (1902 – 1979)

Raindrops on roses

And whiskers on kittens

Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens

Brown paper packages tied up with strings

These are a few of my favorite things

Cream-colored ponies and crisp apple strudels

Doorbells and sleigh bells

And schnitzel with noodles

Wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings

These are a few of my favorite things

Girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes

Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes

Silver-white winters that melt into springs

These are a few of my favorite things

When the dog bites

When the bee stings

When I'm feeling sad

I simply remember my favorite things

And then I don't feel so bad

#### \*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**

Ode to Joy ...... Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 – 1827)

arrangement: Jacob Köller (b. 1980)

Yulia Yun, piano

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie and Rev. Beth Robbins are away today and look forward to being back with us next Sunday.

# Welcome, Families!

During the worship service, children of all ages are invited to join the Family Ministry team for children's joys and sorrows and a lesson/activity from the Unitarian Universalist Tapestry of Faith "Miracles" curriculum. We will leave the sanctuary during the first hymn to gather in the Hunnewell Chapel (just through the leather door to the right of the pulpit). Parents and caregivers are welcome (but not required) to join in. All will return to the sanctuary for the final hymn.

If you have arrived with a baby 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, cross through the chapel, and go through the first set of doors. The nursery is on your left before the glass doors and the stairs. If you'd like to stay in the service, our child care team is happy take your littles to play in the nursery!

## February Share the Plate: Renewal House in Boston

Since 1980, 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 shelters in the state to provide shelter for 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 works closely with other programs that serve the Queer communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities, to support these underserved populations.

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 and job training, and community outreach education. For more information, please visit www.uuum.org. *Thank you for your generosity!* 



#### Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Patrick Cooleybeck
Candles Chaplain, Arthur Judge
Lead Greeter, David Scanlon
Lead Ushers, Bill Briggs & Keith Perron
Worship Coordinator, Art Nava
Assistant Treasurers, Paul Babbitt & Bruce Dallaire