

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 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

French Suite in A minor BWV 812 *J.S. Bach* (1685 – 1750)

- I. Allemande
- II. Courante
- III. Sarabande
- IV. Menuet I & II
- V. Gigue

Yulia Yun, organ

INTROIT

Hear Me text: *Jean Horneck*

music: *Théodore Dubois* (1837 – 1924)

Tevan Goldberg, baritone

Make my eyes to see clearly.
Let my heart not cease to wonder.
Toward the light of truth, lead me.
Thru my soul let courage thunder.
And my soul, be it near thee,
Learning the ways of compassion,
G*d of Eye and Heart, hear me.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 1068

Rising Green

1. My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak, her sap doth run in my veins. Boundless my soul like the open sky where the stars forever have lain. Where the stars, where the stars, where the stars forever have lain.
2. My hands hold the weavings of time without end, my sight as deep as the sea. Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old, that of love's eternity. That of love, that of love, that of love's eternity.
3. I feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand. Winging my song is the wind of my breast and my love blows over the land. And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.
4. My foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way. Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new day. Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

**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)*
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.
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*HYMN 86

Blessed Spirit of My Life

1 Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife; help me live with dignity; let me know serenity. Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion. When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.

2 Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me. Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need. Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition. Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy.

SERMON

Seeing Clearly Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

I Can See Clearly Now Johnny Nash (b. 1940)
Tevan Goldberg, baritone

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

Improvisation

Tevan Goldberg, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 205

Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch* like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing G*d's praise than when we'd first begun.

* or "soul"

*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

Theme, from *Poirot* *Christopher Gunning* (b. 1944)

Yulia Yun, piano

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, *Darrell Waters*

Candles Chaplain, *Arthur Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Tom Anderson*

Lead Usher, *Jeff Hale*

Worship Coordinator, *Jenna Crawford*

Assistant Treasurers, *Dawn Bellamo & Reese Millican*

*Director of Music Mark David Buckles and the Arlington Street Choir
are away today and look forward to being with us next Sunday!*