Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, February 26^{th} , 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

Introit

Oh river, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to flow with ease again I am ready, take me in.

Oh mountain, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to lift mine eyes again I am ready, take me in.

Oh forest, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to trust this path again I am ready, take me in.

Oh vast sky, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to be spacious again I am ready, take me in.

Oh sunshine, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to shine with warmth again I am ready, take me in.

Oh mama, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to beat with yours again I am ready, take me in.

| GREETINGS Rev. Ali Jablonsky |
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| Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center and Arlington Street Community Minister |
| *Hymn 348 |
| Guide My Feet |
| arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) |
| Guide my feet while I run this race |
| Guide my feet while I run this race |
| Guide my feet while I run this race |
| For I don't want to run this race in vain! |
| Hold my hand |
| Stand by me |
| Search my heart |

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Guide my feet...

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 <u>here</u>. During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit

of this congregation,

And service is our gift.

This is our great covenant:

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación,

Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

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.

COVENANT RENEWAL 2023 ~ #ASCNATION Carmen Griggs & Diana Miller In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our covenant of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. Covenant Renewal Sunday is coming up next Sunday, March 5th!

*Hymn

Swimming to the Other Side music and lyrics: Pat Humphries (b. 1960) from Emma's Revolution arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, violin

Chorus

We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper We are washed by the very same rain We are swimming in the stream together Some in power and some in pain We can worship this ground we walk on Cherishing the beings that we live beside Loving spirits will live forever We're all swimming to the other side

I am alone and I am searching, hungering for answers in my time I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility, I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

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On this journey through thoughts and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together. I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow,
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper We are washed by the very same rain We are swimming in the stream together Some in power and some in pain We can worship this ground we walk on Cherishing the beings that we live beside Loving spirits will live forever We're all swimming to the other side

When we get there we'll discover All of the gifts we've been given to share Have been with us since life's beginning And we never noticed they were there We can balance at the brink of wisdom Never recognizing that we've arrived Loving spirits will live together We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper We are washed by the very same rain We are swimming in the stream together Some in power and some in pain We can worship this ground we walk on Cherishing the beings that we live beside Loving spirits will live forever We're all swimming to the other side

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SERMON

The Spiritual Practice of Risk-Taking Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Into the Silent Darkness text: Rev. Richard S. Gilbert, adapted music: Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

Julie Metcalf, violin

The Beyond from which we come
Is hidden in dark moist mysteries of primeval mud
And the silence between the stars,
Dwells in the recesses of the soul,
Beckons us into a wilderness,
Reveals itself at its own bidding.
From its vast complexity
Arises simple ecstasy.

We go forth in fear and faith, Knowing not what we will find We sing our alleluias into the silent darkness, To the Beyond from which we come.

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 www.uuum.org/dv-services.

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

Julie Metcalf, vocals Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Sam LaGrego, percussion

Go sing, too loud Make your voice break – sing it out Go scream, do shout Make an earthquake

You wish fire would die and turn colder You wish your love could see you grow older We should always know that we can do anything

Go drum, too loud Make your hands ache – play it out Go march through the crowd Make your day break

You wish silence released massive tremors You wish, I know it, surrender to summers We should always know that we can do everything

Go do, you'll learn to
Just let yourself
Fall into landslide
Go do, you'll learn to
Just let yourself
Give in to low tide, go do!

Tie strings to clouds Make your own lake, let it flow Throw seeds to sprout Make your ground break, let them grow

You wish surprise will never stop wonders You wish sunrise will never fall under We should always know that we can do everything Go do

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Hymn

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Chorus

I am open and I am willing For to be hopeless would seem so strange It dishonors those who go before us So lift me up to the light of change There is hurting in my family
There is sorrow in my town
There is panic all across the nation
There is wailing the whole world round

Chorus

I am open and I am willing
For to be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change

May the children see more clearly May the elders be more wise May the winds of change caress us Even though it burns our eyes

Chorus

I am open and I am willing
For to be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion Give me a desert to hold my fears Give me a sunset to hold my wonder Give me an ocean to hold my tears

Chorus

I am open and I am willing
For to be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change

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



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 (<u>JAcosta@ASCBoston.org</u>), 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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