Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2018

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

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118 Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)
Prélude Maurice Ravel (1875 - 1937)
Daniel Padgett, piano

INTROIT

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.

*Hymn 361

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

- 1 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 2 Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 3 Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 4 Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
- 5 Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

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.

*HYMN 12

- O Life That Maketh All Things New sung to the tune of *The Water is Wide*
 - 1 O Life that maketh all things new, the blooming earth, our thoughts within, our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew, in gladless hither turn again.
 - 2 From hand to hand the greeting flows, from eye to eye the signals run, from heart to heart the bright hope glows, the seekers of the light are one:
 - 3 One in the freedom of the truth, one in the joy of paths untrod, one in the soul's perennial youth, one in the larger thought of God;
 - 4 The freer step, the fuller breath, the wide horizon's grander view, the sense of life that knows no death, the Life that maketh all things new.

SERMON

Transition Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Praise His Holy Name! Keith Hampton (b. 1957)

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 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 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 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Shimmer *Shawn Mullins* (b. 1968)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Parish Highlights

*Hymn

The Storm is Passing Over Rev. Charles A. Tindley (1851 - 1933)

Take courage my soul

And let us journey on.

Though the night is dark

And I am far from home

Thanks be to God

The morning light appears

The storm is passing over

The storm is passing over

The storm is passing over Hallelu.

Hallelujah

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

When You Walk From Here text: Linnea Good music: Tom Witt, arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

When you yielk from here. When you yielk from here.

When you walk from here, When you walk from here, Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.

POSTLUDE

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

For today's intergenerational worship, children and youth are invited to sit with their families or join Beth in the balcony to enjoy the service with sermon bingo, coloring, and some of our favorite stuffed animal friends. Kids will head up to the balcony as we sing *O Life That Maketh All Things New* and return during our closing hymn, *The Storm is Passing Over.*

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, 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.

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 LGBTQI 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!*

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

PULPIT FLOWERS

The red tulips on the pulpit this morning are given in loving memory of Joseph McAllaster by Martin R. Anderson, M. Eileen Fitzgerald and Jonna Sundberg.