Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 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.

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

PRELUDE

Introit

> We believe in democracy and the right of conscience Within our community and throughout our world. Amen.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 1015

I Know I Can

- 1. Though days be dark with storms And burdens weigh my heart; Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.
- 2. When sorrow heals my soul And burdens make me strong, Though troubles wait at ev'ry turn, I know I can go on.
- 3. My sister in my heart, My brother in my song, Though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.
- 4. And though the journey is long, The destination is near, Though troubles wait at every turn, I know I can go on.
- 5. So brothers take my hand, And sisters sing my song, When hope awaits at every turn, I know we will go on.

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 El amor es el espíritu 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, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, And to help one another. Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 128

For All That Is Our Life

1 For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

- 2 For needs which others serve, for services we give, for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love; we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.
- 3 For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss, for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass: we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.
- 4 For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

SERMON

Grist for the Mill Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Step By Step

text: from the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America music: Traditional Irish Melody arrangement: Anne Louise White

Step by step the longest march
Can be won, can be won
Many stones can form an arch
Singly none, singly none
And by union what we will
Can be accomplished still
Drops of water turn a mill
Singly none, singly none

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

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

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Hymn

Turn! Turn! (To Everything There Is a Season)

Pete Seeger (1919 – 2014)

Chorus

To Everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)
There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)

And a time for every purpose under Heaven
A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap

A time to kill, a time to heal

A time to laugh, a time to weep

Chorus

A time to build up, a time to break down

A time to dance, a time to mourn

A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together

Chorus

A time of love, a time of hate

A time of war, a time of peace

A time you may embrace, a time to refrain from embracing

Chorus

A time to gain, a time to lose

A time to rend, a time to sew

A time to love, a time to hate

A time for peace, I swear it's not too late

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

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

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!*