

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 12th, 2023

PRELUDE

Snow Flower *Satomi Ishihara* (b. 1986)

Beautiful *Seungjoo Lee*

Hyunju Jung, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

If *David Gates* (b. 1940)

from *Bread*

Andrew Stack, piano and vocals

If a picture paints a thousand words
Then why can't I paint you?
The words will never show the you I've come to know
If a face could launch a thousand ships
Then where am I to go?
There's no one home but you
You're all that's left me to
And when my love for life is running dry
You come and pour yourself on me

If a man could be two places at one time
I'd be with you
Tomorrow and today, beside you all the way
If the world should stop revolving spinning slowly down to die
I'd spend the end with you
And when the world was through
Then one by one the stars would all go out
Then you and I would simply fly away

GREETINGS Lucy Humphrey, Worship Coordinator

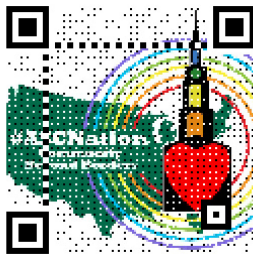
***HYMN**

Why Worry? *Anonymous*
lyrics adapted: *Sara Krakauer & Mark David Buckles*

Why, why worry when you can sing?
Why, why worry when you can sing?
Sing cause we can't know
Sing for us and for others
Sing cause we can't know
Sing cause it will be beautiful
Why, why worry when you can sing?

- 2. Share...
- 3. Dance...
- 4. Build...
- 5. Love...
- 6. Sing...

COVENANT RENEWAL 2023 ~ #ASCNATION



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. Thank you to everyone who's already given! There's still time to make your pledge!

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

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance [here](#). 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:
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**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms text: *Elisha Hoffman* (1839 – 1929)
music: *Anthony Showalter* (1858 – 1924)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms

SERMON

Everlasting Arms Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Morgin! music: *Richard Strauss* (1864 – 1949)
(Tomorrow!) text: *John Henry Mackay* (1864 – 1933)

Andrew Stack, baritone

Und morgen wird die Sonne wieder scheinen,
Und auf dem Wege, den ich gehen werde,
Wird uns, die Glücklichen, sie wieder einen
Inmitten dieser sonnenatmenden Erde . . .

Und zu dem Strand, dem weiten, wogenblauen,
Werden wir still und langsam niedersteigen,
Stumm werden wir uns in die Augen schauen,
Und auf uns sinkt des Glückes stummes Schweigen

And tomorrow the sun will shine again,
and on the path I will take,
it will unite us again, we happy ones,
upon this sun-breathing earth...

And to the shore, the wide shore with blue waves,
we will descend quietly and slowly;
we will look mutely into each other's eyes
and the silence of happiness will settle upon us.

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!

MARCH SHARE THE PLATE: DEBORAH AND ABIGAEI

Our own Barbara Seidl has a story to tell. She writes, "My friend and colleague, Silva, is a news cameraman who posted footage of protests against the Congolese government. When the government tried to kill him, he and his wife, Nathalie, fled for their lives. Their daughters, Abigael (13) and Deborah (16) escaped to Johannesburg and are currently hiding out in South Africa (think Anne Frank). They're awaiting approval of their visas to reunite with their parents, who are political asylees in the United States, but because they're undocumented in South Africa, they cannot leave the apartment where they're staying without fear of arrest ... and 'rounding up illegals' is very popular there now.

"We've made great progress - Deborah and Abigael finally have legal political asylee status here in the states. Now, they just need visas, which will take as much as another year to process. They have been in hiding for a year already."

Barbara is inviting us to partner with her in providing food (~\$200/month) and moral support for the girls. We'll begin with supporting them with this month's gifts to Share the Plate. In addition, they would love to receive cards or letters. Would you like to visit with them on WhatsApp? Read a story for them? Please contact Barbara via the church office (office@ASCBoston.org) to let her know you'd like to help.

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!*

OFFERTORY

Improvisation

Andrew Stack, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing text: *Rev. Robert Robinson* (1735 – 1790)
& *Rev. Eugene B. Navias* (1928 – 2014)
music: *John Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music* (1813)

Come, thou fount of every blessing
Tune our ears to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of life's perfection
Fills our hearts with joy and love
Teach us ever to be faithful
May we still thy goodness prove

Come, thou fount of every vision
Lift our eyes to what may come
See the lion and the lambkin
Dwell together in thy home
Hear the cries of war fall silent
Feel our love glow like the sun
When we all serve one another
Then our heaven is begun

Come, thou fount of inspiration
Turn our lives to higher ways
Lift our gloom and desperation
Show the promise of this day
Help us bind ourselves in union
Help our hands tell of our love
With thine aid, O fount of justice
Earth be fair as heaven above

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
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

Jacob's Blessing *Insik Kim*

Hyunju Jung, piano



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 (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org), 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

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