# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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## **PRELUDE**

Improvisation

Mark David Buckles, piano

### WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Please say hello in the chat!

### CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

## Hymn

Bright morning star's a-rising, Bright morning star's a-rising, Bright morning star's a-rising, Day is a-breaking in my soul!

Rise up from morning slumber...

Rise up and hear your calling...

Oh, lift your voice to heaven...

We'll sing out loud for justice...

We'll build this faith together...

Bright morning star's a-rising...

# **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 <u>here</u>. During the service, participants are also invited to share sorrows and joys live in the chat.

#### **AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT**

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Y el 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 77**

Seek Not Afar for Beauty

sung to the tune of Hymn 164 The Peace Not Past Our Understanding

Seek not afar for beauty;

lo, it glows in dew-wet grasses all about your feet, in birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet, in stars and mountain summits topped with snows.

Go not abroad for happiness; behold it is a flower blooming at your door. Bring love and laughter home, and evermore joy shall be yours as changing years unfold.

In wonder-workings or some bush aflame, we look for Truth and fancy it concealed; but in earth's common things it stands revealed, while grass and flowers and stars spell out the name.

# **SERMON**

# SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Your Life is Now ....... John Mellencamp (b. 1951) and George Green (1952 – 2011) Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

# OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING COVID-19

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the budget. **Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them.** You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up <u>automatic payments</u>



via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your devotion and support!* 

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

#### HYMN

Let the life I lead speak for me Let the life I lead speak for me When I come to end of the road And I lay down my heavy load Let the life I lead speak for me

- 2. Let the friends I have ...
- 3. Let the work I do ...
- 4. Let the love I share ...
- 5. Let the songs I sing ...
- 6. Let the life I lead ...

# BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste — I bow to the Divine in You.

### **POSTLUDE**

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

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