Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, March 26^h, 2023

This morning's pulpit flowers are a gift of Natalie and Robert Hooper in loving memory of their father Roger Hooper, who will be memorialized here today at 2:00.

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

Love Is the Spirit music: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980) text: Arlington Street Church's Affirmation and Covenant

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

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.

GREETINGS Hala Hazar, Worship Coordinator

*Hymn

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Everybody's got pain aching in their heart They got pain, aching in their heart So don't hold back, cry out loud Share it with a neighbor when you feel low down The truth shall set you free, set you free Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free Everybody's got fear, trouble in their heart They got fear, trouble in their heart So don't hold back, whisper in my ear Share it with a neighbor, watch it disappear The truth shall set you free, set you free Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

Everybody's got joy shining in their heart They got joy, shining in their heart So don't hold back, smile real wide Share it with a neighbor all the light inside The truth shall set you free, set you free Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

Everybody's got love warming up their heart They got love, warming up their heart So don't hold back, reach out a hand Share it with a neighbor, help them understand The truth shall set you free, set you free Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

Everybody's got change jangling in their heart
They got change, jangling in their heart
So don't hold back, throw your two cents in
Share it with a neighbor and you're both gonna win
The truth shall set you free, set you free, set you free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

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 at <u>tinyurl.com/ASCNation</u>.

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, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu of this congregation, 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 34

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire text: *Hal Hopson* (b. 1933) music: *Traditional English Melody*

Though I may speak with bravest fire And have the gift to all inspire And have not love, my words are vain As sounding brass, and hopeless gain

Though I may give all I possess And striving so my love profess But not be given by love within The profit soon turns strangely thin

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control Our spirits long to be made whole Let inward love guide every deed By this we worship, and are freed

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Brave Sara Bareilles (b. 1979)

Bek Zehr, vocals Daniel Rosensweig, vocals Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals Sam LaGrego, percussion

You can be amazing You can turn a phrase into a weapon or a drug

You can be the outcast Or be the backlash of somebody's lack of love

Or you can start speaking up

Nothing's gonna hurt you the way that words do

When they settle 'neath your skin

Kept on the inside and no sunlight

Sometimes a shadow wins

But I wonder what would happen if you

Say what you wanna say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave
With what you want to say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave

Everybody's been there, everybody's been stared down By the enemy
Fallen for the fear and done some disappearing
Bow down to the mighty
But don't run, stop holding your tongue
Maybe there's a way out of the cage where you live
Maybe one of these days you can let the light in
Show me how big your brave is

Say what you wanna say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave
With what you want to say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave
Innocence, your history of silence
Won't do you any good
Did you think it would?
Let your words be anything but empty
Why don't you tell them the truth?

Say what you wanna say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave
With what you want to say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave

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 ABIGAEL

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 on the previous page; 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

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Bek Zehr, vocals Sam LaGrego, percussion

Galileo's head was on the block
The crime was looking up the truth
And as the bombshells of my daily fears explode
I try to trace them to my youth

And then you had to bring up reincarnation Over a couple of beers the other night And now I'm serving time for mistakes Made by another in another lifetime

How long 'til my soul gets it right Can any human being ever reach that kind of light? I call on the resting soul of Galileo King of night vision, king of insight And then I think about my fear of motion Which I never could explain Some other fool across the ocean years ago Must have crashed his little airplane

How long 'til my soul gets it right Can any human being ever reach that kind of light? I call on the resting soul of Galileo King of night vision, king of insight

I'm not making a joke
You know me I take everything so seriously
If we wait for the time 'til all souls get it right
Then at least I know there'll be no nuclear annihilation in my lifetime
I'm still not right

I offer thanks to those before me That's all I've got to say 'Cause maybe you squandered big bucks in your lifetime Now I have to pay

But then again it feels like some sort of inspiration To let the next life off the hook Or she'll say look what I had to overcome from my last life I think I'll write a book

How long 'til my soul gets it right Can any human being ever reach the highest light? Except for Galileo, G*d rest his soul King of the night vision, king of insight How long? How long?

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 201

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah Traditional African American Hymn

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down

Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah" Since I laid my burden down...

Life is sweeter, so much sweeter...

Feel like dancing, hallelujah!...

Love is shining all around me...

Glory, glory, hallelujah...!

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

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ



* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish, we follow the tradition of not spelling out G*d's name.

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

Administration

Jess Acosta (she/they), Congregational Administrator Laurinda O'Connor (she/her), Publications

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