# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

# SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2019

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**

#### Introit

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

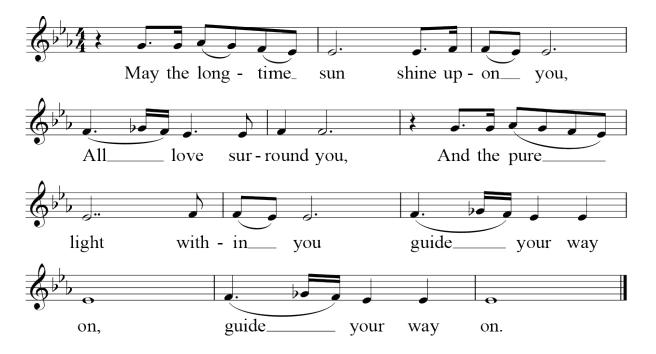
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

# \*Hymn 151

I Wish I Knew How it would Feel to be Free

- 1 I wish I knew how it would feel to be free. I wish I could break all these chains holding me. I wish I could say all the things I could say, Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear. Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear.
- 2 I wish I could share all the love in my heart, remove all the bars that still keep us apart. I wish you could know what it means to be me, then you'd see and agree everyone should be free. Then you'd see, and agree everyone should be free.
- 3 I wish I could give all I'm longing to give. I wish I could live like I'm longing to live. I wish I could do all the things I can do, though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew. Though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew.
- 4 I wish I could be like a bird in the sky. How sweet it would be if I found I could fly. I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea, then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free. Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free.

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING



At this time, all children are welcome to leave with Rev. Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry!

# **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 9

No Longer Forward nor Behind

1 No longer forward nor behind I look in hope or fear; but, grateful, take the good I find, the best of now and here. I break my pilgrim staff, I lay aside the toiling oar; the angel sought so far away I welcome at my door.

2 For all the jarring notes of life seem blending in a psalm, and all the angles of its strife slow rounding into calm. And so the shadows fall apart, and so the west winds play; and all the windows of my heart I open to the day.

#### **SERMON**

Houston, We Have a Problem ...... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### **CANTICLE**

Flight ...... Craig Carnelia (b. 1949)

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

Let me run through a field in the night

Let me lift from the ground 'til my soul is in flight.

Let me sway like the shade of a tree

Let me swirl like a cloud in a storm on the sea.

Wish me on my way

Through the dawning day, I

Wanna flow, wanna rise, wanna spill

Wanna grow in a grove

On the side of a hill.

I don't care if the train runs late

If the checks won't clear

If the house blows down.

I'll be off where the weeds run wild

Where the seeds fall far from this

Earthbound town.

And I'll start to soar!

Watch me rain 'til I pour!

I'll catch a ship that'll sail me astray

Get caught in a wind I'll just have to obey, 'til I'm flying away!

Let me leave behind

All the clouds in my mind, I

Wanna wake without wondering why

Finding myself in a burst for the sky!

I'll just roll!

Let me lose all control, I

Wanna float like a wish in a well

Free as the sound of the sea in a shell

I don't know

But maybe I'm just a fool

I should keep to the ground

I should stay where I'm at

Maybe everyone has hunger like this

And the hunger will pass

But I can't think like that

All I know is somewhere though a clearing

There's a flickering of sunlight on a river long and wide

And I have such a river inside!

Let me run through a field in the night!

Let me lift from the ground 'til my soul is in flight!

Let me sway like the shade of a tree!

Let me swirl like a cloud in a storm on the sea!

Wish me on my way!

Through the dawning day I

Wanna flow, wanna rise, wanna spill

Wanna grow in a grove on the side of a hill

Wanna shift like a wave rolling on

Wanna drift from the path

I've been traveling upon

Before I am gone.

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

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music, and the Arlington Street Choir are away today and look forward to seeing you next Sunday.

### **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



**The State of the Exercise of** convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 (all texted gifts support the church operations) or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

## **OFFERTORY**

Kelly Lenahan, piano

## Parish Highlights

#### \*Hymn 116

I'm On My Way

- 1 I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way to the freedom land. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.
- 2 I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I asked my sister, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.
- 3 I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I asked my brother, come and go with me. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.
- 4 If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they say no, I'll go anyhow. If they say no, I'll go anyhow. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.
- 5 I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, and I won't turn back. I'm on my way, great God, I'm on my way.

\*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

\*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

choral 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

'Cause your people are my people

Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine

### **POSTLUDE**

# **Today in Family Ministry**

Today, after the Children's Blessing, Rev. Dave and our children will gather in the Perkins Room for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Then they will begin their new unit learning about the Hebrew Bible, exploring the story of Noah and the great flood. The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

Following the service, our Coming of Age Group will meet in the Program Room from 12:30 – 2:00 pm.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure!

#### March Share the Plate: Rise Against Hunger

For the sixth year in a row, we are teaming up with Rise Against Hunger to advance their powerful mission of eradicating world hunger by 2030!

On the afternoon of May 5th, we are transforming the Parish Hall into an all-ages assembly line. In just a few hours, we will package rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins into an astonishing 20,088 meals. To be successful, this event requires our participation in packing the meals as well as a significant financial investment. Please give generously to ensure that we can meet our goal of sending love and nourishment to some of the world's most vulnerable people. *Thank you for your generosity!* 

#### Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, Ali Jablonsky (Jenna Crawford, shadow)

Candles Chaplain, Art Judge

Lead Greeter, Queen Cheryl

Lead Usher, Philip Roberts

Worship Coordinator, Rev. Liz Weber

Assistant Treasurers, Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder