# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

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Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Covenant Renewal Sunday!



## Prelude

Brave Jongwan Kim (b. 1980)
First Love

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

The Fourth Principle ...... Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

GREETINGS ...... Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

## \*Нумп 1000

Morning Has Come ..... text & music: Rev. Jason Shelton (b. 1972)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Morning has come, arise and greet the day Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness The light of hope here shines upon each face May it bring faith to guide our journey home A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n Wonder fills this moment shared together The light of peace here shines upon each face May it bring faith to guide our journey home

Open our eyes to see that life abounds Open hearts to welcome it among us The light of love here shines upon each face May it bring faith to guide our journey home

## **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.	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.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

**COVENANT RENEWAL 2023** ~ #ASCNATION ....... Anne, Ben, and Pippa Koffel 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. Happy Covenant Renewal Sunday!

## \*Нумп 1010

We Give Thanks ...... Rev. Wendy Luella Perkins (b. 1966) arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Andrew Stack, baritone Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day For all gathered here, and those far away For this time we share with love and care Oh, we give thanks for this precious day

#### SERMON

Give and Take ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Draw the Circle Wide ..... text: Rev. Gordon Light (b. 1944) music: Mark A. Miller

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

Draw the circle wide No one stands alone We'll stand side by side Draw the circle wide

## **COVENANT RENEWAL**



Today, Arlington Street members and friends renew our great covenant to love and service and make financial pledges to sustain our beloved spiritual community. You are invited to pledge for the coming fiscal year at tinyurl. com/ASCNation

If you're having any issues, our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, is standing by to help right now. Please text or call her at (617) 686-1232.

Thank you!

A member of the Reverse Telethon Team will call to confirm the details of your pledge and thank you this afternoon!

## **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



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

Give a Little Bit ...... Rick Davies (b. 1944) and Roger Hodgson (b. 1950) from Supertramp

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Bek Zehr, vocals

Give a little bit Give a little bit of your love to me I'll give a little bit I'll give a little bit of my love to you There's so much that we need to share So send a smile and show you care

I'll give a little bit I'll give a little bit of my life for you So give a little bit Give a little bit of your time to me See the man with the lonely eyes Oh, take his hand, you'll be surprised

Give a little bit Give a little bit of your love to me I'll give a little bit I'll give a little bit of my life to you Now's the time that we need to share So find yourself, we're on our way back home

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

## FANFARE: TODAY'S GRAND TOTAL

### \*Hymn

Simple Faith ...... David Tamulevich and Michael Hough from Mustard's Retreat

arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

### <u>Chorus</u>

Ours is a simple faith Life is a short embrace Heaven is in this place Every day Hope is the ground we till Make each day what you will Thankful for dreams fulfilled Every day

No room in this heart for fear No judgment day drawing near Trust that inner voice you hear Every day Life's not a goal or race It's about heart and faith And living a life of grace Every day

#### <u>Chorus</u>

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Trust is an open hand Making an honest stand Rooted here in the land Every day Living the mystery Seeking the harmony Here between you and me Every day

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## **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

Give Love ...... Chanhyuk Lee (b. 1996)

Hyunju Jung, piano

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#### 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

#### **Arlington Street Church**

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