

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2018

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles Cards are collected until the end of greetings.

PRELUDE

Keshet L'Vana (A White Rainbow) *Josef Hadar* (1926 - 2006)

A Simple Song, from *Mass* *Leonard Bernstein* (1918 - 1990)

Aprile *Carol Barnett* (b. 1949)

Daniel Padgett, piano

INTROIT

Come Sunday *Duke Ellington* (1899 - 1974)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN**

Filled with Loving Kindness text: *Traditional Buddhist Meditation*

melody: *Anonymous*

harmonization: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.

May I be peaceful, and at ease, and may I be happy.

May you ...

May we ...

May all ...

BLESSING OF THE RUNNERS

All Boston Marathon runners are invited

to join Rev. Kim in the center aisle.

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

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 86

Blessed Spirit of My Life

1 Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife; help me live with dignity; let me know serenity. Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion. When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.

2 Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me. Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need. Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition. Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy.

SERMON

Attention and Devotion Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Quiet *Paul Simon* (b. 1941)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

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 our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

Covenant Renewal #SoMuchMore ~ Art Nava

OFFERTORY

Spiegel im Spiegel *Arvo Pärt* (b. 1935)

Daniel Padgett, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Swimming to the Other Side

text and music: *Pat Humphries* (b. 1960)

Chorus

We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper

We are washed by the very same rain

We are swimming in the stream together

Some in power and some in pain

We can worship this ground we walk on

Cherishing the beings that we live beside

Loving spirits will live forever

We're all swimming to the other side

I am alone and I am searching,
Hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility, I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

On this journey through thoughts and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together.
I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow,
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

When we get there we'll discover
All of the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live together
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***RECESSIONAL** *(sung twice; please join in!)*

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.*

POSTLUDE

Grace in the Wind - Part iii *Paul K. Sayed* (b. 1987)

Daniel Padgett, piano

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

For today's intergenerational worship, children and youth are invited to sit with their families or join Beth in the balcony to enjoy the service with sermon bingo, coloring, and some of our favorite stuffed animal friends. Kids will head up to the balcony as we sing *Blessed Spirit of My Life* and return during our closing hymn, *Swimming to the Other Side*.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is on your left before the stairs.

April Share the Plate: Arlington Street's Boston Marathon Charity Runners

Our own Nikki DeRome, Melissa Dlugolecki, and John O'Connor will be running Boston tomorrow!

Nikki will be running for The Hoyt Foundation, which aspires to build the individual character, self-confidence, and self-esteem of young people with disabilities through inclusion in all facets of daily life. Nikki runs as a member of Team Hoyt, founded by Dick and Rick Hoyt, the father-son wheelchair team that has inspired thousands of people, both disabled and able-bodied. Nikki runs in memory of her mother, Denise DeRome.

Melissa will be running for Team Leyden, raising funds for Boston Children's Hospital. Named in memory of Melissa's infant daughter, Team Leyden's mission is to positively impact others in the face of adversity and to help fuel research to prevent cases such as Leyden's while supporting the unmatched quality of care they provide.

John will be running for Next Step, which cares for young adults (ages 16 to 29), with chronic or terminal diagnoses.

The plate will be shared with The Hoyt Foundation, Team Leyden, and Next Step on April 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Thank you for your generous support!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Ali Jablonsky*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Jenn Britt*

Lead Usher, *Shana Rudinsky*

Worship Coordinator, *John O'Connor*

Assistant Treasurer, *Paul Babbitt*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Urban Church Awareness

Remember to be mindful of your belongings, and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.