

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND, 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

For the Beauty of the Earth *John Rutter* (b. 1945)
Passacaglia "Post-rock Fantasy" on a theme from John Rutter's
The Lord is my Shepherd *Daniel Padgett* (b. 1979)
Heal the World *Michael Jackson* (1958 - 2009)
Daniel Padgett, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Springtime text: *Rainer Maria Rilke* (1875 - 1926)
translation: *Elaine de Sinçay*
music: *Paul Hindemith* (1895 - 1963)

O song that from the sap art pouring
And through the sounding board
Of all this greenwood art soaring,
Amplify our brief tone,

The dying strain restoring.
'Tis but few measures' duration
That we share the fantasy,
The endless variation
Of thy long ecstasy,
O nature, fount of creation.

After our song is ended,
Others will assume the part,
But meanwhile how can I tender
Unto thee all my heart in full surrender?

***GREETINGS**

***HYMN 1064**

Blue Boat Home

1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say: I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.

2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls, making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song: I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)
 from *A Very Cellular Song* arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time_ sun shine up - on_ you,
 All_____ love sur - round you, And the pure_____
 light with - in_ you guide_____ your way
 on, guide_____ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to join
 the Children's Religious Education program!*

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

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.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

*HYMN 159

This is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

SERMON

Blue Boat Home Beth Robbins, Interim Director of Family Ministry

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Spaséniye, sodélal text: *Psalm 74:12*
(Salvation is Created) music: *Pavel Chesnokov (1877 - 1944)*

Salvation is created
in the midst of the earth, O God.
Alleluia.

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 ~ Jeffrey Thomson & David Janero

OFFERTORY

Gentle Arms of Eden *David Carter (1952 - 2002)*
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Joanna Lubkin, vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

The Tide is Rising *Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman (b. 1982)*
and *Yotam Schachter (b. 1985)*

The tide is rising and so are we
The tide is rising and so are we
The tide is rising and so are we
This is where we are called to be
This is where we are called to be

2. The task is mighty and so are we...
3. This land is holy and so are we...
4. The storm is raging and so are we...
5. The sun is shining and so are we...
6. The world is ready....

*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

I'll Follow the Sun

John Lennon (1940 - 1980) & Paul McCartney (b. 1942)
Daniel Padgett, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Children and youth are invited to join Dan, Rohn, and Nancy in the Perkins Room for today's CRE class. 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

Three cheers for our own Nikki DeRome, Melissa Dlugolecki, and John O'Connor who, in spite of truly foul weather, ran Boston on Monday!

Nikki is 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. For the tenth time, Nikki crossed the finish line 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 in memory of her mother, Denise DeRome.

Melissa brought it home 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 clinched Boston for the first time, running for Next Step, which cares for young adults (ages 16 to 29), with chronic or terminal diagnoses.

CONGRATULATIONS, FRIENDS!

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!

Rev. Kim is away today and looks forward to seeing you next Sunday!

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Patrick Cooleybeck*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*

Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*

Worship Coordinator, *George Whitehouse & Mandarr Brandi*

Assistant Treasurers, *Nancy George & Paul Babbitt*