

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2020

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister and

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

INTROIT

Here Together *David Glasgow* (b. 1971)

We are here, here together, in this holy moment,

And we're grateful for the winding road that brought us to this place.

CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

COVENANT RENEWAL 2020: #TREASURED Dan Mouhot

Once a year, Arlington Street members and friends

renew our Great Covenant to love and service

and make financial pledges to sustain our beloved spiritual community.

Covenant Renewal Sunday is May 17th.



HYMN 347

Gather the Spirit *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

Tevan Goldberg, baritone

1. Gather the spirit, harvest the power
Our separate fires will kindle one flame
Witness the mystery of this hour
Our trials in this light appear all the same

Chorus

Gather in peace, gather in thanks

Gather in sympathy now and then

Gather in hope, compassion and strength

Gather to celebrate once again

2. Gather the spirit of heart and mind
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined
With body and spirit united once more

Chorus

3. Gather the spirit growing in all
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun
Winter to spring, and summer to fall
The chorus of life resounding as one

Chorus

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 [here](#) by 8:00 am Sunday morning.

During the service, participants will be invited to share sorrows and joys with the community in the chat.

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 318

We Would Be One text: *Samuel Anthony Wright (1919 – 2016)*
music: *Jean Sibelius (1865 – 1957)*

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

We would be one as now we join in singing
Our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
To that high cause of greater understanding
Of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
To show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
A nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
Which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
With love and justice, strive to make us free.

SERMON

The Great Pause Rev. Beth Robbins

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Imagine *John Lennon* (1940 – 1980)

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us, only sky
Imagine all the people
Livin' for today

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people
Livin' life in peace

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING COVID-19

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the budget. **Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them.** You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up [automatic payments](#)



via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

OFFERTORY

Du Gai Soleil music: *Jules Massenet* (1842 – 1912)
from *Werther* text: *Édouard Blau* (1836 – 1906)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

HYMN 1017

Building a New Way *Martha Sandefer* (b. 1952)

1. We are building a new way
We are building a new way
We are building a new way
Feeling stronger every day

We are building a new way
2. We are working to be free...
...of hate and greed and jealousy
3. We can feed our every need
....start with love, that is the seed
4. Peace and freedom is our cry
...without these this world will die
5. We are building a new way...
... feeling stronger every day

BENEDICTION

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste —
I bow to the Divine in You.

POSTLUDE

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



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