Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2020

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister and

Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

Hymn

Swimming to the Other Side text and music: *Pat Humphries* (b. 1960) Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

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

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

Hana Omori, soprano

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance <u>here</u>. During the service, participants will be invited to share sorrows and joys with the community via the live chat feature.

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 199

Precious Lord, Take My Hand *Thomas A. Dorsey* (1899 – 1993) Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Chorus

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Chorus

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand; Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Chorus

SERMON

This Grief Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Just when I stop worrying
Wondering how the story ends
I let go and I let love
Let love lead the way
That's when things started happening
When I stopped looking at back then
I let go and I let love
Let love lead the way

Let go, let love...

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 <u>automatic payments</u>



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. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your devotion and support!*

OFFERTORY

Hana Omori, soprano; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Hymn

I Am Willing *Holly Near* (b. 1949)

Chorus

I am open and I am willing
For to be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family
There is sorrow in my town
There is panic all across the nation
There is wailing the whole world round

Chorus

May the children see more clearly May the elders be more wise May the winds of change caress us Even though it burns our eyes

Chorus

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion Give me a desert to hold my fears Give me a sunset to hold my wonder Give me an ocean to hold my tears

Chorus

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, 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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