

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

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

## **PRELUDE**

Down a Country Lane ..... *Aaron Copland (1900 - 1990)*

Midday Thoughts

In Evening Air

Kelly Lenahan, piano

## **\*INTROIT**

in Spring comes ..... text: *e.e. cummings (1895 - 1962)*

music: *Dominick Argento (1927 - 2019)*

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

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## **WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS**

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

*Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie and the Arlington Street Choir are away today  
and look forward to being with you next Sunday!*

## \*HYMN 354

### We Laugh, We Cry

1 We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song. We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong. We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone. But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a need to be together. We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive; and we believe that sharing is an answer.

2 A child is born among us and we feel a special glow. We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow. We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild. We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a time to be together. And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth, and we believe that growing is an answer.

3 Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief. The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief. But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a place to be together. We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe that peace within our living is an answer.

4 We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life. We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife. We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind. And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love, and we have found a joy being together. And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see: even to question, truly is an answer.

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun ..... *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)  
from *A Very Cellular Song* .... arrangement: *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 leave  
with Rev. Dave Egan!*

## 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

|                              |                                     |
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| 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.   |

### \*HYMN 123

Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

### SERMON

I Forgive You ..... *Rev. Erica Rose Long*

### SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### CANTICLE

Beautiful Dawn ..... *Ruth Moody (b. 1975)*

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

Take me to the breaking of a beautiful dawn  
Take me to the place where we came from  
Take me to the end so I can see the start  
There's only one way to mend a broken heart

Take me to the place where I don't feel so small  
Take me where I don't need to stand so tall  
Take me to the edge so I can fall apart  
There's only one way to mend a broken heart

Take me where love isn't up for sale  
Take me where our hearts are not so frail  
Take me where the fire still owns its spark  
There's only one way to mend a broken heart

Teach me how to see when I close my eyes  
Teach me to forgive and to apologize  
Show me how to love in the darkest dark  
There's only one way to mend a broken heart

Take me where the angels are close on hand  
Take me where the ocean meets the sky and the land  
Show me to the wisdom of the evening star  
There's only one way to mend a broken heart

Take me to the place where I feel no shame  
Take me where the courage doesn't need a name  
Learning how to cry is the hardest part  
There's only one way to mend a broken heart

## 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 unpledged 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 (all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

**Covenant Renewal 2019 .... #YouBelongHere ~ Hala Hazar & Jen Eno**

## OFFERTORY

Thème Varié, Op. 89 ..... *Cécile Chaminade* (1857 - 1944)  
Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 205

Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch\* like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

\* or "soul"

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

Where You Go (I Will Go) ..... *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)  
choral 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  
'Cause your people are my people  
Your people are mine  
Your people are my people  
Your divine, my divine

## POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major ..... *Charles Callahan* (b.1951)  
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

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## Today in Family Ministry

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Today, after the Children's Blessing, Rev. Dave and our children will gather in the Perkins Room for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Today we will take a pause from learning about the Hebrew Bible, so that we can begin painting (with our hands!! shhh... don't tell your parents!) our 12-foot long banner that will be carried by Arlington Street folks in the Louis D. Brown Mother's Day Walk For Peace. After we take off our smocks and wash our hands, we will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure!

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## April Share the Plate: Boston Marathon Charity

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For the fifth year in a row, our own Melissa Dlugolecki is running Boston in memory of her infant daughter, Leyden Saige. Leyden was born with congenital heart disease, waged a mighty battle for her life, and died from complications after four months. You can read Melissa and Leyden's story at [griefandguts.com](http://griefandguts.com). Melissa carries Leyden's light forward as she runs for every child and every family at Boston Children's Hospital. *Thank you for your generosity!*

### Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Caroline Miranda*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*

Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*

Assistant Treasurers, *Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder*