Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, May 21st, 2023

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful	
G*d's Great Grace It Has Brought Us	
	arrangement: Samuel Park
This Love	Heejung Park
Hyunju Jung, piano	

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

Introit

choral arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

We shall be known by the company we keep

By the ones who circle round to tend these fires

We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap

The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive

It is time we lead ourselves into the well

It is time now, and what a time to be alive

In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love

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*Hymn

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Sometimes I remember the old days

When the world was filled with sorrow

You might have thought I was living

But I was all alone

In my heart the rain was falling

The wind blew and

The night was calling

Come back, come back, I'm all you've ever known

Chorus

Open the door and come on in I'm so glad to see you my friend You're like a rainbow coming around the bend And when I see you happy Well, it sets my heart free I'd like to be as good a friend to you As you are to me

There were friends who could always see me Through the haze their smiles would reach me Saying okay, saying goodbye, saying hello Soon I knew just what I was after Was life and love, tears and laughter Hello, my good friend, hello my darling What do you know

Chorus

Open the door and come on in I'm so glad to see you my friend You're like a rainbow coming around the bend And when I see you happy Well, it sets my heart free I'd like to be as good a friend to you As you are to me

I used to think it was only me feeling alone Not feeling free to be alive to be a friend Now I know we all have stormy weather The sun shines through when we're together I'll be your friend right through to the end

Chorus

Open the door and come on in I'm so glad to see you my friends
You're all like rainbows coming around the bend
And when I see you happy
Well, it sets my heart free
I'd like to be as good a friend to you
As you are to me

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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.

El amor es el espíritu

de nuestra congregación

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 18

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss

And takes away the pain of my soul, of my soul

And takes away the pain of my soul

What wondrous love

What wondrous love

What wondrous love

What wondrous love

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down, sinking down

When I was sinking down beneath my sorrows ground

Friends to me gathered round, O my soul, O my soul

Friends to me gathered round, O my soul

What wondrous love

What wondrous love

What wondrous love

What wondrous love

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing

To love and to all friends I will sing

To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend

With thanks unto the end I will sing, I will sing

With thanks unto the end I will sing

What wondrous love

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What wondrous love

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Needtext: *Isaac Watts* (1674 – 1748) adaptation of *Psalm 23*

tune: Traditional American

choral arrangement: Virgil Thomson (1896 – 1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need

Jehovah is his name

In pastures fresh he makes me feed

Beside the living stream

He brings my wandering spirit back

When I forsake his ways

And leads me, for his mercy's sake

In paths of truth and grace

When I walk through the shades of death
Thy presence is my stay
One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes
Doth still my table spread
My cup with blessings overflows
Thine oil anoints my head
The sure provisions of my G*d.

The sure provisions of my G*d Attend me all my days O may thy house be my abode And all my work be praise There would I find a settled rest While others go and come No more a stranger, nor a guest But like a child at home

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Since 1729, the support of our community has allowed Arlington Street to thrive as a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. This congregation is entirely self-supporting. In addition, we share each Sunday's collection with a partner in our vital mission. It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformational generosity. Please consider making a special gift to this morning's offering.

Ways to Give



- 1. Scan the QR code
- 2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
- 3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on <u>Venmo</u> (Charities)
- 4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
- 5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church 351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira at Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. Rev. Kim, Rev. Beth, and many of our most devoted members and friends pledge 5-10% of their income each year. In addition, we encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

May Share the Plate: The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old 10th grader growing up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, "I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in my government. However, if things don't change, I'll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail." Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence.

That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

In 1994, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chéry, honored her son's dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists people and communities impacted by homicide. For more information, please visit ldbpeaceinstitute.org.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano Mark David Buckles, piano

There is hope in our eyes
When we truly see each other
Like the light of countless stars
We are not afraid of the dark
'Cause there is hope in our hearts
And every single beat, we feel it
To the ends of the earth
Our echo carries on

We are sacred, we are strong We are beautiful, we belong Please hear our unheard song

There is hope in our voice When we listen to each other Barriers disappeared With every story told

We are sacred, we are strong We are beautiful, we belong Please hear our unheard song

There is hope in our eyes When we truly see each other We raise our flag, lift our voice

This is our moment We are sacred, we are strong This is our moment We are beautiful, we belong This is our moment
We are worthy, we are true
This is our moment
There are no borders from this view
Please help us raise our flag
There is hope in our eyes
When we truly see each other

Parish Highlights

COVENANT RENEWAL 2023 ~ #ASCNATION

In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our covenant of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. Thank you to everyone who's already given! There's still time to make your pledge at tinyurl.com/ASCNation.

*HYMN

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

You can play the game, you can act out the part,

Though you know it wasn't written for you

But tell me how can you stand there with your broken heart,

Ashamed of playing the fool?

One thing can be to another, it doesn't take any sacrifice

Oh, father and mother, sister and brother,

If it feels nice, don't think twice

<u>Chorus</u>

Shower the people you love with love

Show them the way that you feel

Things are gonna work out fine

If you only will

Shower the people you love with love

Show them the way you feel

Things are gonna be much better

If you only will

You can run but you cannot hide, this is widely known,

But what you plan to do with your foolish pride,

When you're all by yourself alone?

Once you tell somebody the way that you feel,

You can feel it beginning to ease,

I think it's true what they say about the squeaky wheel,

Always getting the grease, better to...

Chorus

Shower the people you love with love,

Show them the way that you feel,

Things are gonna be just fine

If you only will

Shower the people you love with love

Show them the way you feel,

Things are gonna be much better,

If you only will

Shower the people you love with love
Show them the way that you feel

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

RECESSIONAL

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 my people Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Hyunju Jung, piano

* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish, we follow the tradition of not spelling out G*d's name.



FLOWERS ON THE HIGH PULPIT

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love. You can have flowers delivered, bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space), or a member of the staff will purchase them (~\$50). Please email our congregational administrator, Jess (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org), to claim your date! Thank you!