

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 26<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**

Three Pieces, Op. 128 ..... *Amy Beach* (1867 - 1944)

II. Young Birches

Four Sketches for Piano, Op. 15

III. Dreaming

Kelly Lenahan, piano

## **WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING**

Memorial Day Prayer ..... *Rev. Barbara J. Pescan*

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

## **GREETINGS**

### **\*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.

*\*You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

## 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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, Director of Family Ministry!*

## 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

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 128

### For All That Is Our Life

1 For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

2 For needs which others serve, for services we give, for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love; we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

3 For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss, for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass: we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

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## INVOCATION

À Une Fontaine ..... text: *Pierre de Ronsard* (1524 - 1585)  
music: *Darius Milhaud* (1892 - 1974)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano; Kelly Lenahan, piano

Écoute moi, Fontaine vive, En qui j'ai rebu si souvent, Couché tout plat dessus ta rive, Oisif à la fraîcheur du vent, Quand l'été ménager moissonne Le sein de Cérès dévêtu, Et l'aire par compas résonne Gémissant sous le blé battu. Ainsi toujours puisses-tu être. En religion à tous ceux Qui te boiront ou feront paître Tes verts rivages à leurs bœufs Ainsi toujours la lune claire Voie à minuit au fond d'un val Les Nymphes près de ton repaire A mille bonds mener le bal!	Listen to me, living fountain, From whom I oft have drunk, Flat on my belly overlooking your bank, Lazy in the cool breeze While the summer harvests Ceres' unclad breasts And the air whimpers Beneath the beaten wheat. So may you always be In religion to all those Who drink from you or who pasture Their cattle on your green banks. So always may the moonlight Glimpse the bottom of the valley at midnight The nymphs around you With a thousand leaps leading the dance.
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*Director of Music Mark David Buckles and the Arlington Street Choir  
are away today and look forward to being with you next Sunday!*

## SERMON

The Healing Power of Memory ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## CANTICLE

Ave Maria ..... *J.S Bach* (1685 - 1750) and *Charles Gounod* (1818 - 1893)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

## 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!*

## OFFERTORY

Elegy ..... *George Thalben-Ball* (1896 - 1987)

Kelly Lenahan, organ

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 103

For All The Saints

*~ dedicated to those who died in service to our country ~*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name most holy be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their shelter, and their might; their strength and solace in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness deep their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion of the saints divine! We live in struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*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

For your people are my people

Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine

## POSTLUDE

Italian Concerto, BWV 971 ..... *J.S. Bach* (1685 - 1750)

III. Presto

Kelly Lenahan, piano

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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. Then we will continue our exploration of the Hebrew Bible, by looking at the story of creation as told in the Book of Genesis. 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, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. 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.

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## Share the Plate: Lend A Hand

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Lend A Hand has provided financial assistance to low-income families and individuals for over 120 years. Working with social service agencies in the Greater Boston Area, Lend a Hand makes emergency and educational enrichment grants to help pay for rent to prevent eviction; heat and electric bills to prevent utility shut-offs; critical medicines and medical equipment; eyeglasses and dental care; and camp for Boston's children.

Lend a Hand, founded by Unitarian minister Edward Everett Hale, whose statue is at one of the Charles Street entrances to the public garden, is based on a story Rev. Hale wrote that tells of ten people who meet at the funeral of a mutual friend and discover that he had financially helped each of them. The ten resolve to follow their friend's example and to lend a hand to others in their community, amplifying their friend's generosity.

Lend a Hand assists over 450 households each year, but is not able to help everyone in need. Our donations will help them do more. Our own Bob Sessions serves on the board of Lend a Hand, and would be happy to answer any questions! *Thank you for your generous support!*

### Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Lucy Humphrey* (*Steve Marable, shadow*)

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Tom Anderson*

Lead Usher, *Bill Briggs*

Worship Coordinator, *Darrell Waters*

Assistant Treasurers, *Dawn Bellamo & Reese Millican*