Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, May 7^{th} , 2023

PRELUDE

Young Woong Cho, 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

We Pray music: Nick Page (b. 1952) text: African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" and Nick Page

Bek Zehr, vocals Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Sometimes I feel so discouraged And think my life's in vain, in vain But then the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again and again

We pray, we pray...

There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole A healing power in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul

We pray, we pray...

So feel the love, the love around you This love can heal, heal your soul If you let this love within you, this love within you This love will make you whole, make you whole

We pray, we pray...

Greetings Rev. Ali Jablonsky, Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center

*Hymn

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

- Oh the Sun, oh it shines on everyone
 Oh the Sun, oh it shines on everyone
 We say peace to all, life to all
 We say love, love, love everyone,
 Love everyone
- 2. When it rains, oh it rains on everyone.....
- 3. When we pray, oh we pray for everyone...
- 4. So we pray, oh we pray for everyone...

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 in advance <u>here</u>. During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom 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

Filled with Loving Kindness text: Traditional Buddhist Meditation melody: Anonymous harmonization: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

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May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well. May I be peaceful, and at ease, and may I be happy.

May you...

May we...

May all...

SERMON

To Whom It May Concern Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way! Oh beloveds, let's go down Let's go down, come on down Oh beloveds, let's go down Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!
Oh friends, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Oh friends, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way! Oh family, let's go down Let's go down, come on down Oh family, let's go down Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!
Oh dear ones, let's go down
Come on down, don't you wanna go down?
Come on, dear ones, let's go down
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord, show me the way!

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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 Venmo (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 MOTHERS DAY WALK FOR PEACE

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.

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a beloved, 27-year-long Boston tradition and an important fundraiser for LDBPI. The theme this year is Cultivating Cycles of Peace. For more information, please visit ldbpeaceinstitute.org.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit www.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

A Living Prayer text and music: Ron Block (b. 1964) recording: Alison Krauss (b. 1971)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

In this world I walk alone with no place to call my home But there's one who holds my hand
The rugged road through barren lands
The way is dark, the road is steep
But G*d's become my eyes to see
The strength to climb, my griefs to bear
My saving lives inside me there

In your love I find release A haven for my unbelief Take my life and let me be A living prayer, my G*d, to thee

In these trials of life I find Another voice inside my mind It comforts me and bids me live Inside the love that my G*d gives

In your love I find release A haven for my unbelief Take my life and let me be A living prayer, my G*d, to thee Take my life and let me be A living prayer, my G*d, to thee

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*Hymn 208

Every Time I Feel the Spirit text and music: African American Spiritual arrangement: William Farley Smith (1941 – 1997)

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

Upon the mountain, my G*d spoke O'er the mount came fire and smoke All around me looks so shine Ask my G*d if all was mine

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

The River Jordan runs right cold Chills the body, not the soul Ain't but one train on this track Runs to heaven and right back Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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 mine Your people are my people Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Young Woong Cho, 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 or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space).

Please email our congregational administrator,

Jess (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org), to claim your date! Thank you!

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie (she/her), Senior Minister

Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her), Executive Minister

Rev. George G. Whitehouse (he/him), Minister at Large

Community Ministers

Rev. John Gibbons (he/him) Minister for Good Trouble

Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason (she/her)

Minister for Spiritual Direction

Rev. Fred Small (he/him)
Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her) Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center

Dr. Arthur Judge (he/him) Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Erica Rose Long (she/her) Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

Rev. Joanna Lubkin (she/her) Interim Minister, Theodore Parker Church

Rev. Vera O'Brien (she/her) Chaplain, HopeHealth Hospice Music

Mark David Buckles (he/him), Director of Music

Hyunju Jung (she/her), Collaborative Pianist

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him), Artist in Residence

Choir Section Leaders

Hannah Shanefield(she/her), Soprano

Bek Zehr (they/them), Mezzo Soprano

Samuel LaGrego (he/him), Tenor

Andrew Stack (he/him), Baritone

Administration

Jess Acosta (she/they), Congregational Administrator

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