



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2018

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Khusidelekh

Rachenitsa

Meron Nign *Traditional Klezmer*

Wandering Laughter

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING Laila Ibrahim

Because we are not in church to be with people who want to sing the same music, or rally for the same cause, or attend the same retreats.

We are in church to learn to love better...

We disagree, we annoy, we flake out on one another.

And we worship, we support, we hold, and we affirm one another...

This is really only one choice:

between imperfect community and no community.

Again and again, we are all called to choose to commit ourselves

to building a more just, more diverse,

and yet ever messy and imperfect beloved community.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

*HYMN

I'm So Glad I'm Here *Bessie Jones* (1902 - 1984)

I'm so glad I'm here Love brought me here
So glad I'm here You know, love brought me here
So glad I'm here, here today Love brought me here, here today

So glad I'm here And joy brought me here
You know, I'm so glad I'm here Joy brought me here
So glad I'm here, here today Joy brought me here, here today

I'm gonna sing while I'm here Joy brought me here
Sing while I'm here You know joy brought me here
Sing while I'm here, here today Joy brought me here, here today

Sing while I'm here I'm so glad I'm here
I'm gonna sing while I'm here So glad I'm here
Sing while I'm here, here today So glad I'm here, here today

You know, love brought me here So glad I'm here
Love brought me here You know, I'm so glad I'm here
Love brought me here, here today So glad I'm here, here today

I'm so glad I'm here, here today
I'm so glad I'm here, here today

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Al Ingram (chair) / Rick Cresta (vice-chair) / Joe Alen Dan Brotman / Lois Hartsough / Eve Lauria Deb Pontes / Ted Rudinsky / Connie Scanlon

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Art Nava (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. Accessible entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. Braille hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows is now open and runs through October. More information is available at www.asctiffany.org.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*

Rev. Beth Robbins

Interim Director of Family Ministry

Erica Rose Long

*Interim Assistant Director of Family Ministry
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital*

Community Ministers

Dr. Arthur Judge

Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Clyde Grubbs

Spiritual Director

Rev. Fred Small

Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Joanna Lubkin

Chaplain, Wellesley College

Rev. Vera O'Brien

Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

All staff members may be reached through the church office at 617-536-7050
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Intern Ministers

Ali Jablonsky

Massachusetts General Hospital

Karlene Griffiths Sekou

Black Lives Matter, Boston

Liz Weber

UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*

Daniel Padgett, *Collaborative Pianist*

Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Katie Elledge, *Soprano*

Katherine Maysek, *Alto*

Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

John Moorman, *Bass*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*

Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*

Brad Nobles, *Sexton*

Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, *Barb Seidl*

Worship Coordinator,

Patrick Cooleybeck

Candles Coordinator, *Art Judge*

Song Leader, *Glorivy Arroyo*

Lead Greeter, *Jenn Britt*

Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*

Assistant Treasurer, *Paul Babbitt*

Special thanks to our musical guests, *Glorivy Arroyo, Taiward Wider and Cecelia Vacanti of Wandering Laughter*

June Share the Plate: Summer Camp

Each summer, our own Rev. George Whitehouse, Minister at Large, works with Hawthorne Youth and Community Center and Healthy Boston to get kids and youth off the city streets and into the woods. Our gifts today will be directed to support their life-changing work. *Thank you for your generosity!*

musicians, our preachers, the volunteer team, and Ali Jablonski, our Summer Student Minister, for this beautiful worship service!

Next to the Hunnewell Chapel, there is a nursery for restless babies and their caregivers. This space offers a rocking chair, changing table with supplies, and a live audio feed of the service.

Should you need a minister over the summer, please call the church office at 617-536-7050. The admin staff is always here for you; Jeffrey, and Brad are glad to help! Happy summer, one and all!

During summer the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar." Jeff Bouchard, our congregational administrator/facilities manager, keeps it current.

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, light lunch, & community!

Transformation Team for Racial Justice

Tuesday, June 19th, 7:00 pm–8:30 PM, Frothingham Library

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice works to support and foster anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multicultural practice across all committees and all aspects of church life. Come to this meeting to learn more about this work and to plan for the next church year. If you have suggestions, questions, comments, or concerns for the Team, please email transformation@ascboston.org.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!

Uncomfortable Conversations about Race

Sunday, June 24th ~ 12:30 - 1:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing an antiracist worldview. We hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information, email transformation@ascboston.org.

Bethel's Community Carnival

Saturday, June 30th ~ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 177 Harvard St., Dorchester

Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle Church, a Fund-A-Need partner of Arlington Street Church, holds a Carnival each June to provide fun and resources for their neighborhood. They invite us to help them do this work. If you are interested in volunteering, for any amount of time, please email office@ascboston.org or talk to Laura Pattison or Queen Cheryl.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on “Worship.”

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *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 108

My Life Flows On

SERMON

Beginning Again *Barbara Seidl*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Brave *Sara Bareilles* (b. 1979) and *Jack Antonoff* (b. 1984)
Gloriv Arroyo, mezzo sporano

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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 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 or scan the QR code.

 *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

Drawing the Known Universe *Taiward Wider* (b. 1995)
Garfield's Blackberry Blossom *Traditional American Tune*
Wandering Laughter

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Chico Gospel *Karisha Longaker*

There was a time I believed
Life was over for me
There was time I believed
My life was over
I feel strong today
Thanks to your help
I'll find my way and
I too will lend you a hand
When you need one

Chorus

*Sometimes I get so down
I feel like this is the end
Like there's no way in hell
I can get over this mountain
The sun has come out
Beyond the shadow of my doubt
I am walking on this earth
Stronger than ever*

There was a time I believed
There'd be no love for me
There was time I believed
I'd get no lovin'
I feel love today
Thanks to your help

I'll find my way and
I too will lend you a hand
When you need one

Chorus

There was a time I believed
There'd be no money for me
There was a time I believed
There'd be no money
I feel rich today
Thanks to your help
I'll find my way and
I too will lend you a hand
When you need one

Chorus

There was a time I believed
There'd be no peace for me
There was a time I believed
There'd be no peace
I feel peace today
Thanks to your help
I'll find my way and
I too will lend you a hand
When you need one

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL (sung twice; please join in!)

Where You 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

Nakht in Gan Eydn (A Night in the Garden of Eden)
Harry Kandel (1885 - 1943)

Wandering Laughter

INSIDE

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NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2018

All Are Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning for worship!

This morning, we invite you to:

- * Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
- * Join us for coffee and a light lunch in the Parish Hall;
- * Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
- * Please come back again soon!



Today's Speaker

Barbara Seidl is honored to be invited back for her eighth summer in the ASC pulpit. A founding member of both Arlington Street's Transformation Team for Racial Justice and the Lucy Stone Unitarian Universalist Housing Cooperative in Roxbury, Barb has vast experience stumbling over her own efforts to perfect the world. She regains her balance by finding stories about folks who keep on keeping on.



Speaking on Sunday, June 24TH

Challenge Accepted *Melissa Dlugolecki*

Challenge, adversity and loss are all unwelcomed encounters but unfortunately, inevitable. But by becoming clear on our measures of success, building our teams and opening our minds and hearts to the possibility of growth and joy throughout the discomfort we can transform to challenge avoided to challenge accepted.

Melissa Dlugolecki is a member of the Arlington Street Worship Committee. She is mother of late daughter Leyden Saige Cournoyer, who lost her life at Boston Children's Hospital in 2014. Melissa is passionate about spreading Leyden's light to positively impact others and support them through their own life challenges and adversities. She is the founder of life-coaching business, Thrive and co-founder of women's health, fitness and gut-health coaching, called MOVE. Melissa is a yoga instructor and runs the Boston Marathon for Boston Children's Hospital each year.

SUMMER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Summertime at Arlington Street

The program staff and the Arlington Street Choir are away for the summer, but will be back for worship on September 9th. Today and every Sunday through Labor Day, we are grateful to our

continued on back...