

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2019 Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING

Theodore Parker (SLT 683)

Be ours a religion which, like sunshine, goes everywhere; its temple, all space; it shrine, the good heart; its creed, all truth; its ritual, works of love; its profession of faith, divine love.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

*HYMN 114

Forward Through the Ages

1 Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine: gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.

(Chorus) Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

- 2 Wider grows the vision, realm of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. (Chorus)
- 3 Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. (Chorus)

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 El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación of this congregation, And service is our gift. Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos: This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace, Convivir en paz,

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, To speak our truths in love, 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

The Question Rev. Erica Rose Long

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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

Prelude in G Major, Op. 32, No. 5 ... Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873 - 1943) Kelly Lenahan, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1028

The Fire of Commitment

1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

- 2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free, Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.
- 3. From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice, Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

*Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice

*Recessional (sung twice; please join in!)

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

Ten Pieces from Romeo & Juliet, Op. 75

Sergei Prokofiev (1891 - 1953)

VIII. Mercutio

Kelly Lenahan, piano

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, light lunch, and community!



Kundalini Yoga Class

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

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!

BETHEL TABERNACLE COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 29th ~ II:00-4:00 PM, 77 Harvard Street, Dorchester Arlington Street Church parters with the Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church to serve their Dorchester neighborhood. Bethel has requested our help with their annual carnival. Bethel would be happy with any donation of your time to help with games, face painting, setup, or cleanup. If you're interested, please talk to Queen Cheryl or Laura Pattison or leave your name and number at the Social Action table. *All are welcome!*



THE FESTIVAL OF THE CHARIOTS SRI JAGANNATHA RATHA YATR

Sunday, June 30th ~ II:30 AM, *Procession* starts at I Cambria St., Boston Festival, 2:00 - 6:00 PM, Boston Common

Please join an enlivening procession with esctatic music and chanting — a beautiful scene of devotees dancing their way to a celebration! The Boston Common will have stage performances, drama, food, exhibits, spritual literature, a meditation tent, and more!

Special guests include HH Niranjana Swami, HH Chandreshekhar Swami, Madhavananda Prabhu and Krishnakunda Mataji, DASI group, Kishori Yatra Bus from Alachua, and Ramaroy Prabhu along with 15 bramhacaris from New York City's Harinaam Ashram. Visit iskconboston.org for more information. *All are welcome!*

SUMMER READING

Buddha's Belly: Arlington Street's Buddhist book group is reading Pema Chödrön's The Places That Scare You: A Guide to Fearlessness in Difficult Times. All are welcome to join in the discussion on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 pm.

Intersectional Book Group: Join Rev. Kim for the thirteenth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. Our next book is Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*. We'll meet to discuss it on Monday, September 9th at 5:30 pm.

ASC Young Adults (ASCYA)

We're starting a Young Adult Group here at Arlington Street! Are you 18-35 years old? Find us on Facebook at ASC Young Adults, or contact Rebecca Reid through the church office (Office@ASCBoston.org). *Join us!*

TIFFANY CENTER IS OPEN: JOIN OUR TEAM! Sundays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM & Monday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (closed Tuesdays), Sanctuary

Are you looking for an interesting way to get more involved here? Are you curious about the history of the building and the BEAUTIFUL windows? Would you like to meet people from around the world? We need greeters and tour guides every day except Tuesday. It's low-commitment, flexible scheduling, and less than three hours per shift. No experience necessary; all training will be provided! Please speak with Alissa Butler or email her at asctiffany@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

(smile) WELCOME TO AMAZONSMILE!

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SHARE OUR SPACE!

If you're part of another organization or business that's looking for meeting space, a gathering place, or the use of a commercial kitchen, we'd love to welcome them to Arlington Street Church! Please be in touch with Rev. Kim at office@ASCBoston.org.

June Share the Plate: Into the Woods

Into the Woods is a program that takes high school teenagers and their parents out of the city ... and ... into the woods! Cofacilitated by our own Rev. George G. Whitehouse and Healthy Boston's Jamiese V. Martin, Into the Woods is funded in part by the United States Department of Agriculture and their subsidiary, the Department of Forestry, and doubles as a recruiting tool to identify new personnel for the National Forests. Orvis has joined the project and supplied fishing poles and fishing lessons on the most recent trip (to Vermont)! The next trip will be in late summer. For more information, please speak with Rev. George or write to him at office@ASCBoston.org. *Thank you for your generous support!*

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, Rev. Erica Rose Long
Worship Coordinator, Lucy Humphrey
Candles Coordinator, Art Judge
Hymn Leader, Chris Cobb
Lead Greeter, Tom Anderson
Lead Usher, Deb Vittner
Assistant Treasurer, Paul Babbitt