



Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2023

PRELUDE

Young Woong Cho, Piano

WELCOMERev. Erica Rose Long

CHALICE LIGHTING AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

The Fourth Principle..... words & music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1981)

GREETINGS Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 1064**

Blue Boat Home words: *Peter Mayer* (b. 1963)
music: *Roland Hugh Prichard* (1811-1887)

Samuel LoGrego, Tenor

Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and
plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song: I was born up
on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

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 on our website. 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 1031**

Filled With Loving Kindness..... words: *Traditional Buddhist Meditation*
adapted by: *Mar W. Hayes* (b. 1949)
music: *Ian W. Riddell* (b. 1968)

Samuel LoGrego, Tenor

May I be filled with loving kindness.
May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness.
May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease.
May I be whole.

May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be peaceful and at ease.
May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness.
May we be well.
May we be filled with loving kindness.
May we be well.
May we be peaceful and at ease.
May we be whole.

SERMON

Plot Twist Rev. Erica Rose Long

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Lazarus.....words and music: *Porcupine Tree*

Samuel LoGrego, Tenor

As the cheerless towns pass my window
I can see a washed-out moon through the fog
and then a voice inside my head breaks the analog, And says:

Chorus

Follow me down to the valley below,
You know Moonlight is bleeding from out of your soul.

I Survived against the will of my twisted folk,
But in the deafness of my world the silence broke, and said:

Chorus

Follow me down to the valley below,
You know Moonlight is bleeding from out of your soul.
Follow me down to the valley below,
You know Moonlight is bleeding from out of your soul.

My David don't you worry.
This cold world is not for you.
So, rest your head upon me.
I have strength to carry you.
Ghosts of the twenties rising.
Golden summers just holding you.

Chorus

Follow me down to the valley below,
You know Moonlight is bleeding from out of your soul.
Follow me down to the valley below,
You know Moonlight is bleeding from out of your soul.

Come to us Lazarus, it's time for you to go.

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!

SUMMER SHARE THE PLATE

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Since September, we have given generously to many causes about which we are passionate, including NEADS Service Dogs; Gay for Good, the Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center and The Memory Project (support for refugee families arriving from Afghanistan); and World Central Kitchen (feeding Ukrainian refugees). During the Summer months, our Share the Plate offerings are saved to use for future local emergencies and to help in rescue and rebuilding efforts following natural (and unnatural) disasters around the world. In 2017, we were able to make a significant gift in the wake of a 10-alarm fire in East Cambridge that displaced over 100 residents just weeks before Christmas. This past September, we supported Louisiana's Lowlander Center's Hurricane Ida relief, doubling our impact with gifts from the summer Share the Plate.

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

Mirrorball..... words & music: *Elbow*

I plant the kind of kiss that wouldn't wake a baby.
On the self-same face that wouldn't let me sleep.
And the street is singing with my feet.
And dawn gives me a shadow I know to be taller.
All down to you dear.
Everything has changed.

My sorry name has made it to graffiti.
I was looking for someone to complete me.
Not anymore dear.
Everything has changed.

You make the moor our mirrorball.
The street's an empty stage, the city's sirens, violins.
Everything has changed.

Chorus

So lift off love
Lift off love

And we took the town to town last night.
We kissed like we invented it.
And now I know what every step is for:
To lead me to your door.
Know that while you sleep,
Everything has changed.

You make the moon our mirrorball.
The street's an empty stage, the City's sirens, violent.
Everything has changed.
Everything has changed,

Chorus

So, lift off love.
Lift off love.
(All down to you dear.)
Lift off love.
(All down to you dear.)

Lift off love.
(All down to you dear.)
Lift off love.
(All down to you dear.)

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us.....words: *Sally Rodgers*

Music: *Betty A. Wylder*

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way on the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak before thousands, you can give from deep within you. You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way on the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the hard night.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
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

Young Woong Cho, Piano

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*
Laurinda O'Connor *(she/her), Publications*

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