



**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2018

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 14 Op. 27, No. 2, *Moonlight*,

Movement 1, Adagio sostenuto

Sonata No. 18 Op. 31, No. 3, Movement 1, Allegro

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770 - 1827)

Daniel Padgett, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 298**

Wake, Now, My Senses

1 Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call; feel the deep power of being in all; keep, with the web of creation your vow, giving, receiving as love shows us how.

2 Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new; join with each pilgrim who quests for the true; honor the beauty and wisdom of time; suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

3 Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry; voices of suffering fill the wide sky; take as your neighbor both stranger and friend, praying and striving their hardship to end.

4 Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide; join with all people whose rights are denied; take not for granted a privileged place; God's love embraces the whole human race.

5. Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear; brighten my pathway with radiance here; mingle my calling with all who will share; work toward a planet transformed by our care.

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 86**

Blessed Spirit of My Life

1 Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife; help me live with dignity; let me know serenity. Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion. When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me.

2 Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me. Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need. Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition. Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy.

SERMON

The Obstacle Is the Way Tina Rose

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

Crosscurrent *Lennie Tristano* (1919 - 1978)

Daniel Padgett, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 6

Just as Long as I Have Breath

1 Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life; though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.

2 Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth; in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.

3 Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love; disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you. If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

I Know This Rose Will Open

*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

Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now *Diane Warren* (b. 1956)

Daniel Padgett, piano

INSIDE E

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 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

Tina Rose first came to Arlington Street for Pride Day in 2011 and she's never looked back. Since becoming a church member in 2013, she has been involved in many activities from serving on the Ministerial Intern Committee, Prudential Committee (two years as Chair), Indulge (our annual gala), and washing dishes after services (a ministry). Since semi-retiring in 2017, Tina enjoys travel adventures, welcoming new people, riding her bike to raise money for great causes, thrifting for fashion bargains, playing soccer, baking, reading, movies, and music.



SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH

Prescribing Wonder Alison Jablonsky

As we grow up, our lives get increasingly busy with what we believe we have to do. Wonder becomes a luxury reserved for the young. Come to explore the importance of wonder, and to get your prescription for this vital aspect of living.

Ali Jablonsky is a member of Arlington Street Church and is doing her ministerial internship at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she serves as a Resident Chaplain. Ali loves learning about the sacred from her staff, patients, and their loved ones. She is interested in interbelief ministry and in working to ensure spiritual care is relevant to people of any and every belief identity.

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 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!



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!



SUMMER READING

Buddha's Belly: Arlington Street's Buddhist book group is reading Chögyam Trungpa's *Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior*. All are welcome to join in the discussion on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm.

Intersectional Book Group: Join Rev. Kim for the eighth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. Our next book is *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, by Asha Bandele and Patrisse Cullors. We'll meet to discuss it on Monday, September 17th at 5:30 pm.



VISITORS CENTER IS OPEN FOR TOURS!

Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM and Monday through Saturday from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM (closed Tuesdays)

Greeters Needed This Summer!

Do you want to meet people from all over the world? Would you enjoy sharing the beauty of our Tiffany Windows with others? If so, consider becoming a volunteer greeter with our Visitors Center! Greeters serve as friendly faces at the Arlington Street entrance, welcoming visitors and receiving donations. No experience is necessary, and scheduling is flexible! If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact Alissa Butler at abutler@ascboston.org.



ARLINGTON STREET'S LITERARY SALON, THE WEDNESDAYS: OVID

Wednesdays, September 19th, October 3rd, & 17th ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM
The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave.

Ovid's "*Metamorphoses*" is one of the most influential works in Western culture, having inspired Dante, Boccaccio, Chaucer, and Shakespeare among countless others. In fact, "*Metamorphoses*" was Shakespeare's favorite book (he read it in Latin), and it's easy to see why. The stories it contains are endlessly fascinating: Zeus transformed into a shower of gold to ravish Danae, Tiresias turned

into a woman and then back into a man, Orpheus torn to shreds by furious Maenads. It runs from the creation of the world to the death of Julius Caesar, containing over 250 narratives in 15 books. Join Rev. Kim and Professor Alan for three sessions and discover why this is one of the most beloved works in all of world literature. We'll be reading the Rolfe Humphries translation published by Indiana University Press. Amazon has many new copies from \$5.00, & you can find used copies even cheaper. *All are welcome!*



MORNING LIGHT CONCERT SERIES RETURNS THIS FALL!

Saturdays, September 22nd, October 20th, November 10th ~
11:30 AM, Sanctuary

Back by popular demand: the wonderful Boston Chamber Music Society! Last season, our audiences included local fans and visitors from all over the world who made a concert at Arlington Street a highlight of their weekend in Boston. We take it for granted that we can see the light coming through our magnificent stained glass windows every Sunday. Now let's share the experience with chamber music lovers! Tickets: Arlington Street members receive a 20% discount off the ticket price (tickets are \$29, if purchased before September 9, and \$34 afterwards). Enter discount code "ASC20" during check out when ordering from www.bostonchambermusic.org, or call the BCMS office at 617.349.0086.



SHARE YOUR WEDDING PICTURES WITH US!

Did you get married at Arlington Street Church? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We're launching a new weddings website to increase bookings and would love to share your pictures and stories. If you'd like to help, please contact Alissa at abutler@ascboston.org.



ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

During last winter's Open Space gathering and the recent Next Steps leadership weekend, Arlington Street members and friends expressed hopes and dreams for this beloved spiritual community. The Pru is now in the process of drafting a vision statement – an aspirational statement of who we want to be in the next five years. Here is the first pass:

- A welcoming sanctuary
- An historic destination for arts and culture
- A hub for progressive values and transformation

Do we have it right? We would love to hear from you! Please speak to any of us (Pru members are listed on the back of the Order of Service) or e-mail us at Prudential@ASCBoston.org. Thank you!

Share the Plate

Each Sunday between September and June, we share the offering plate with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. This past church year's Share the Plate recipients included: AIDS Action Committee, Best Friends Animal Society, Black Lives Matter Boston, the Boston Marathon Charity Runners, Friday Night Supper Program, Hurricanes Harvey and Maria Relief Fund, Into the Woods, Karam Foundation Syrian Refugee Project, the LGBT Asylum Task Force, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Only a Child, Renewal House, and Rise Against Hunger.