



Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2023

PRELUDE

Once to Every Man and Nation music: *Thomas J. Williams*
arr.: *Mark Hayes*

Young Woong Cho, Piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

Kel Alford

GREETINGS Rebecca Reid, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 1068**

Rising Green..... music and original words: John M. C. Crum (1872-1958)
new words: Carolyn McDade

My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak, her sap doth run in my veins.
Boundless my soul like the open sky where the stars forever have lain.
Where the stars, where the stars, where the stars forever have lain.

My hands hold the weavings of time without end, my sight as deep as the
sea. Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old, that of love's eternity.
That of love, that of love, that of love's eternity.

I feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand.
Winging my song is the wind of my breast and my love blows over the
land. And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.

My foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way.
Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new
day. Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

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 1064**

Blue Boat Home.....by: *Peter Mayer*

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.

SERMON

The Spiritual Art of Paying Attention **Kel Alford**

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Nine.....by: *Sleeping at Last*
Bek Zehr, Alto

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

Living in the Moment *Jason Mraz*

Bek Zehr, Alto

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN**

Seek Not Afar for Beautyby: *Alfred Morton Smith*
arr. Mark David Buckles

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

How Great Thou Art music: *Stuart K. Hine*
arr.: *Mark Hayes*

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!*