

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 ~ II: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.

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.

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:

Lois Hartsough (chair) / Deb Pontes (vice-chair) / Joe Alen / Dan Brotman / Lois Hartsough / Reese Millican / Deb Pontes / Alan Rodgers / Philip Roberts

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Liz Teixeira (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 in 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

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Ali Jablonsky

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Black Lives Matter, Boston

Liz Weber

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Music

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

Kelly Lenahan, Collaborative Pianist and Organist

Rodger Clinton Vine, Artist in Residence

Choir Section Leaders

Ann-Marie Iancoviello, Soprano

Katherine Maysek, Alto

Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

John Bitsas, Baritone

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, Congregational Administrator

Adam Berman, Bookkeeper

Brad Nobles, Sexton

Laurinda O'Connor, Publications

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, Al Ingram Worship Coordinator, Patrick Cooleybeck Candles Coordinator, Art Judge Pianist, Kelly Lenahan

Song Leader, Richard Marshall Lead Greeter, David Scanlon Assistant Treasurers, Nancy George & Paul Babbitt



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 2018 Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Kelly Lenahan, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Meditation XVII, Devotions upon Emergent Occasions The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 112

Do You Hear?

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 318

We Would Be One

SERMON

What About Community? Al Ingram

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

Parish Highlights

*HYMN 121

We'll Build a Land

*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

I. Allegro Kelly Lenahan, piano



News from the Soul of Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 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

Al Ingram started attending Arlington Street Church in 1996 and joined in 2008. He currently serves on the Prudential Committee and Covenant Renewal team. He is an independent leadership coach who helps high-tech professionals lead and navigate change. He's also a member of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, and has sung at almost every ASC Christmas Eve service since 1996.



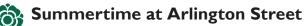
Speaking on Sunday, September 2ND

Everybody Can Be Great Art Nava

Today it's easy to feel scared, angry, and overwhelmed. Come hear a message of hope and resilience. Art Nava will explore how serving through volunteering can help transform our perspectives, strengthen our communities, and give us a deeper sense of purpose. Featuring talented hand dummer and Unitarian Universalist community organizer, Matt Meyer, and the Arlington Street debut of Boston's Singing Princess, LaQuandra Seymore.

Art Nava has attended Arlington Street since 2004. He currently serves as a peer facilitator in the New England Region and the Religious Educators Credentialing Committee of the UUA. He is currently on the boards of Gay For Good and FriendshipWorks (whose mission is to reduce social isolation, enhance quality of life, and preserve the dignity of older adults in Greater Boston). He lives in Lowell with his husband Rich Abreu.

SUMMER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



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.



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!



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.



Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 9th ~ II:00 am, Sanctuary

Our Senior Minister, Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie; our Music Director, Mark David Buckles; and the choir; will return for Homecoming Sunday, September 9th. Please bring a little water from your summer travels for our water communion celebration!

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