

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2018 Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Hymn Tune Prelude on *Song 13* by Orlando Gibbons

**Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Kelly Lenahan, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

We are saved only by love Tennessee Williams (1911 - 1983)

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*Hymn 389

Gathered Here

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour. Gathered here in one strong body.

Gathered here in the struggle and the power. Spirit, draw near.

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 299

Make Channels for the Streams of Love

- 1 Make channels for the streams of love where they may broadly run; and love has overflowing streams to fill them every one.
- 2 But if at any time we cease such channels to provide, the very founts of love for us will soon be parched and dried.
- 3 For we must share, if we would keep this gift all else above; we cease to give, we cease to have–such is the law of love.

SERMON

Everybody Can Be Great Art Nava

ANTHEM

We Are Here Alicia Keys (b. 1981), Swizz Beatz (b. 1978), Mark Batson, and Harold Lilly

LaQuandra Seymore, vocalist Kelly Lenahan, piano

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 131

Love Will Guide Us

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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 (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

'Cause your people are my people

Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine.

POSTLUDE

I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free

Billy Taylor (1921-2010) and Richard Carroll Lamb

Kelly Lenahan, piano



News from the Soul of Sunday

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 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

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.



HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Sunday, September 9th ~ 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Our Senior Minister, Rev. 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!

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



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 SUMMER READ

Tuesday, September IIth ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Everyone is invited to join the members of Buddha's Belly, Arlington Street's Buddhist book group, in reading Chögyam Trungpa's *Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior.* All are welcome!



INTERSECTIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, September 17th ~ 5:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the eighth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, by Asha Bandele and Patrisse Cullors. All are welcome!



VISITORS CENTER IS OPEN FOR TOURS!

Sundays I:00-4:00 PM and Monday through Saturday from I0:00 AM-3:00 PM (closed Tuesdays)

Greeters Needed! 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 ~ 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!

JOIN THE ARLINGTON STREET CHOIR!

Every Thursday starting September 6th ~ 7:00 PM, Clarke Room

Experience the spiritual practice of communal singing! Take just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful, make friends, and add more music to your life! Musicians and non-musicians are welcome—we are a mix of professionals and amateurs. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WANTS YOU!

Would you enjoy assisting behind the scenes, sharing a story or your spiritual practice, going on a field trip, leading a sex ed class, holding babies, building with legos, or digging in the dirt? If the answer is yes, for more information please contact Office@ASCBoston.org.

JOIN THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE IN THE FALL

Join the committee and bring a social action topic that concerns you: voting rights, climate change, economic inequality, gun violence, Citizens United, homelessness, etc. The committee will support you! In September, the committee resumes meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM. For more information, contact Art Judge at socialaction@ASCBoston.org. "The service begins when the service ends."

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.