

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts https://zoom.us/j/8958866876 (video) or (929) 436-2866 (phone) [Meeting ID is 895 886 6876] SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023

PRELUDE

Yulia Yun, Piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

HYMN 40

The Morning Hangs a Signal.....words: William Channing Gannett (1840-1923) music: William Lloyd (1786-1852)

The morning hangs a signal upon the mountain crest, while all the sleeping valleys in silent darkness rest. From peak to peak it flashes, it laughs along the sky, till glory of the sunlight on all the land shall lie.

Above the generations the lonely prophets rise, while truth flares as the daystar within their glowing eyes; and other eyes, beholding, are kindled from that flame; and dawn becomes the morning, when prophets love proclaim.

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	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación,
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

HYMN 77

Seek Not Afar for Beauty......words: *Minot Judson Savage* (1841-1918) music: *The Peace Not Past Our Understanding* (Hymn 164)

Seek not afar for beauty; lo, it glows in dew-wet grasses all about your feet, in birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet, in stars and mountain summits topped with snows.

Go not abroad for happiness; behold it is a flower blooming at your door. Bring love and laughter home, and evermore joy shall be yours as changing years unfold.

In wonder-workings or some bush aflame, we look for Truth and fancy it concealed; but in earth's common things it stands revealed, while grass and flowers and stars spell out the name.

SERMON

Seeing Differently......Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

There were bells on a hill But I never heard them ringing No, I never heard them at all 'Til there was you

There were birds in the sky But I never saw them winging No, I never saw them at all 'Til there was you

Then there was music And wonderful roses They tell me in sweet fragrant meadows Of dawn and dew

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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 <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>

3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on <u>Venmo</u> (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 <u>*tinyurl.com/GiveASC*</u> or by contacting Liz Teixeira at <u>*Treasurer@ASCBoston.org*</u>. 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

I'll Be Seeing You.....Billie Holiday

Eve Lauria, Soprano

I'll be seeing you In all the old familiar places That this heart of mine embraces All day and through In that small café The park across the way The children's carousel The chestnut trees, the wishing well

I'll be seeing you In every lovely summer's day In everything that's light and gay I'll always think of you that way I'll find you in the morning sun And when the night is new I'll be looking at the moon But I'll be seeing you

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PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

HYMN 205

Amazing Grace	

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a soul like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing G^*d 's praise than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

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

Romance.....by: Reinhold Glière (1874-1956)

Yulia Yun, 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, <u>Office@ASCBoston.org</u>), to claim your date! *Thank you!*