



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

PRELUDE

I Do Believe *Jihye Na*
This Love *Samuel Park*
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)
Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her)

INTROIT

The Fourth Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Andrew Stack (he/him), tenor

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

The Question *Rosemary Wahtola Trommer*
Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 209**

O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls text: *Isaiah 55*
tune: *English melody*, harmonization: *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872–1958)

O come, you longing thirsty souls, drink freely from the spring
And come, you weary, famished folk, and end your hungering
Why spend yourself on empty air? Why not be satisfied?
For everywhere a feast is spread that's always at our side

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

For as the rain and snow above fall not in vanity
But for this purpose water earth: to feed humanity
So shall the word of spirit serve as seed within our loam
That we may bear so rich a yield as brings the harvest home

For we shall go in peace secure and leave in joy sublime!
The hills outside will burst with song, the trees will clap in time!
No more shall thorns and nettles grow! The bay tree and the pine
Shall sign for us th'eternal name that makes the world a shrine

COVENANT RENEWAL 2025: Rooted & Thriving

Jeffrey Thomson (he/him) & David Janero (he/him)

In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our commitment of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. Covenant Renewal Sunday is March 2rd!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), soprano

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 at ASCBoston.org.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

AFFIRMATION & 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 121**

We'll Build a Land text: *Barbara Zanotta* (Isaiah/Amos adaptation)
music: *Carolyn McDade* (b. 1935)
arrangement: *Betsy Jo Angebrannt* (1931–2018)

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken
We'll build a land where the captives go free
Where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be

Chorus

Come build a land where people together
Anointed by G-d, may then create peace
Where justice shall roll down like waters
And peace like an ever flowing stream.

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
To all the afflicted and all those who mourn
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born **(Chorus)**

We'll be a land building up ancient cities
Raising up devastations from old
Restoring ruins of generations
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold **(Chorus)**

Come, build a land where the mantles of praises
Resound from spirits once faint and once weak
Where like oaks of righteousness stand her people
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek **(Chorus)**

READING

Twitter and Tear Gas (excerpt) *Zaynep Tufekci*

ANTHEM

Step By Step tune: *Traditional Irish*, arrangement: *Anne Louise White*
text: *from the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America*

Step by step the longest march
Can be won, can be won
Many stones can form an arch

Singly none, singly none
And by union what we will
Can be accomplished still
Drops of water turn a mill
Singly none, singly none

SERMON


Walk this Way Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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 transformative generosity.

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

If you would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. 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!

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.



Our Share the Plate partner this month is Renewal House, a program of the UU Urban Ministry. In operation since 1980, Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state to provide shelter for male survivors, and

now works closely with programs across Greater Boston in order to bring culturally-responsive and LGBTQ-inclusive advocacy and counseling to those they serve.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509.

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

In The Shelter of Each Other *Reggie Harris* (b. 1952)
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals
Hannah Shanefield (she/her), vocals
Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion and vocals

Chorus

In the shelter
Of each other
In the shelter
Of our lives
We are open
We are dreaming
We are hopeful
We are wise

Many times the weight of the world crashes in
We feel angry and afraid
We start to lose our sense of hope
Our sense of direction
Isolation we have learned
Will not bring much in return
If we truly cannot learn
To live as one

Chorus

You know that many times the weight of the world crashes in
We feel broken and betrayed
We start to lose our sense of joy

Our sense of connection
And though our history remains
It's our actions we must change
If we hope to heal our planet
We know that we must stand

Chorus

*HYMN

You'll Never Walk Alone text: *Oscar Hammerstein II* (1895–1960)
from *Carousel* music: *Richard Rodgers* (1902–1979)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown
Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone

BENEDICTION & 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

Way Back Home *Shaun Kim* (b. 1990)
Hyunju Jung, piano



** Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G-d's name.*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Room (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit ASCBoston.org.

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 office@ASCBoston.org to claim your date! *Thank you!*

Arlington Street Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street's elected, governing board. "The Pru" is joined by Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Liz Teixeira (Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Alan Kemp, Chair	Rachel Corey	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair	Hala Hazar	Bob Sessions

The leadership welcomes your questions and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org.

Arlington Street Staff Directory

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Parking at Arlington Street Church

Discount parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a discount coupon from an usher. Also, metered parking is free in the city on Sundays.