

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

PRELUDE Le Jardin
WELCOME & GREETINGS
INTROIT Calm the Tempests of my Heart text: Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855), adapted music: Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962) Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano Calm the tempests of my heart, O my G-d Calm the tempests of my heart, O my G-d Be still, O my soul, so that G-d may rest in thee
Bringing peace that the world can never take away OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING
The Call to Worship
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.
*HYMN 347 Gather the Spirit
Gather the spirit, harvest the power Our separate fires will kindle one flame Witness the mystery of this hour Our trials in this light appear all the same

Chorus

Gather in peace, gather in thanks
Gather in sympathy now and then
Gather in hope, compassion and strength
Gather to celebrate once again

Gather the spirit of heart and mind Seeds for the sowing are laid in store Nurtured in love, and conscience refined With body and spirit united once more

Chorus

Gather the spirit growing in all Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun Winter to spring, and summer to fall The chorus of life resounding as one

Chorus

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)

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,

El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación, Esto servicio es nuestro regalo. Esta es a lo que nos comprometemos: Convivir en paz, To speak out truths in love, And to help one another.

Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, Y ayudarnos los unos a los ostros.

*HYMN 1002

Comfort me, comfort me
Comfort me, oh my soul
Comfort me, comfort me
Comfort me, oh my soul
Comfort me, oh my soul
Comfort me, oh my soul
Shine with me...
Comfort me...

READING

SERMON

Looking to the Light Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Even Now text: Rev. Gretchen Haley (b. 1975), adapted music: Rev. Jason Shelton (b. 1972)

Even now
The day breaks for us all
Let us gather in thanks
Giving praise for the good
Embracing our grief
Daring to love

Even now
The day breaks for us all
Even now

Moving And laughing And sighing And singing And holding the silence

Even now
The day breaks for us all
Even now
The day breaks...

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 <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>
- 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 <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u> 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 this Veteran's Day weekend goes to Veterans for Peace. To make your gift, please scan the **QR** code above; visit <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>; 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

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), soprano Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano

I live in the hills
You live in the valley
And all that you know are these blackbirds
You rise every morning
Wondering what in the world will the world bring today?
Will it bring you joy or will it take it away?
And every step you take is guided by
The love of the light on the land
And the blackbird's cry

You will walk You will walk You will walk in good company

The valley is dark
The burgeoning holding
The stillness obscured by their judging
You walk through the shadows
Uncertain and surely hurting
Deserted by the blackbirds
And the staccato of the staff
And though you trust the light
Towards which you wend your way
Sometimes you feel all that you wanted
Has been taken away

You will walk You will walk in good company

I love the best of you You love the best of me Though it is not always easy Lovely? Lonely? We will walk
We will walk
We will walk in good company

The shepherd upright and flowing You see

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us text: Sally Rogers

music: Traditional

arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

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

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

You are like no other being What you can give, no other can give To the future of our children To the future of the world where we live

Share the song and share the silence Share the shade and share the light With every friend, neighbor, stranger On our journey through this life

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BENEDICTION & 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



* 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.

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!*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom) 12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom) 4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom) 6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga Class (Zoom)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Arlington Street Church - 2nd Floor)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom) 12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny (Zoom)

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

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 Laura Pattison Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair Cathy DeMatto Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair Hala Hazar **Bob Sessions**

> The leadership welcomes your questions and suggestions at Pru Chair@ASCBoston.org.

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.

Arlington Street Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her) • Senior Minister (SeniorMinister@ASCBoston.org)

Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her) • Executive Minister (BRobbins@ASCBoston.org)

Music

Mark David Buckles (he/him) • Director of Music (MBuckles@ASCBoston.org)

Hyunju Jung (she/her) • Collaborative Pianist

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him) • Artist in Residence

Joe Della Penna (he/him) • Jazz Artist in Residence

Choir Section Leaders

Hannah Shanefield (she/her) • Soprano

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them) • Alto

Samuel LaGrego (he/him) • Tenor

Andrew Stack (he/him) • Baritone

Administration

Jeff Fogleman (he/him) • Congregational Administrator (Office@ASCBoston.org)

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