



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

PRELUDE

Méditation, Op. posthumous *Maurice Duruflé* (1902–1986)

Prélude, from *Prélude, Adagio et Choral Varié Op. 4* *Maurice Duruflé* (1902–1986)

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him), Artist in Residence, organ

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

Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her)

***HYMN 299**

Make Channels for the Streams of Love text: *Richard C. Trench* (1807–1886)

tune: *American Folk Melody*

arrangement: *Annabel Morris Buchanan* (1889–1983)

Make channels for the streams of love where they may broadly run

And love has overflowing streams to fill them every one

But if at any time we cease such channels to provide,

The very founts of love for us will soon be parched and dried

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

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Belonging [*excerpt*] *David Whyte* (b. 1955)

Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

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

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,
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.

READING

Ruth 1: 1-18

ANTHEM

The Song of Ruth music: *Stanley M. Hoffman* (b. 1959)
text: *Ruth 1:16-17*

Do not ask me to leave you or to stop following you
For wherever you go, I will go, and where you stay I will stay
Your people will be my people, and your G-d my G-d
Where you die I will die, and be buried

May the Lord deal cause ill fate to befall me and more
If anything but death separates me and you
For wherever you go, I will go, and where you stay I will stay
Your people will be my people, and your G-d my G-d

SERMON

Being BeLoved Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Naomi *Visiting Wine*

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals
Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar
Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

I'm not tired, I'll be here in the morning
I'm not tired, I'll keep watch while we're walking

I know the way you panic in the morning
I know the way your fingers tangle tight
I know just where you go when your mind goes far away
Don't ask me to go backward, cause I'm not going anywhere
Where you go, I will go, where you stay I'll stay
Where you go, I will go, where you stay I'll stay

Chorus

If we're stuck here being honest, I'm not going anywhere
You can't shake this like the dirt upon your shoes
Oh, I'll carry all the weight, if your strength, it disappears
I'll be close as skin upon your back, my dear

You say you're heading westward,
Then, I'll be westward too,
What's important to me
Is what's important to you
Cause I've been reaching past my shoulders
I've been curled up in my skin
Wondering just how much it takes to start again
Wondering just how much it takes to start again

Chorus

I'm not tired, I'll be here in the morning
I'm not tired, I'll keep watch while we're walking

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: ARLINGTON STREET MUSIC PROGRAMS

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. In honor of Rodger Clinton Vine's fifty (50!) years of offering exquisite music, dedicated service, and faithful stewardship of Arlington Street Church, especially its organ and bells, this morning's offering will be shared with the music programs of Arlington Street Church.

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

Where Beauty Dwells, Op. 21, No. 7 *Sergei Rachmaninoff* (1873–1943)
arrangement: *Earl Wild* (1915–2010)

Rodger Clinton Vine, piano

***HYMN**

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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

Where you go, I will go, my siblings...

Where you go, I will go, refugee...

Where you go, I will go, children...

Where you go, I will go, my ancestors...

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *reprise*

POSTLUDE

Toccatà, from *Ten Pieces for Organ* *Eugène Gigout* (1844–1925)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ



** 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 (and beyond) at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

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

12:30 pm ~ Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary & 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
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.

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