



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

PRELUDE

Presence ..... *Youngjun Cho*

Hanamo (Flowers) ..... *Mebig*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS ..... *kel alford* (she/her), Student Minister  
Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him) Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

Liebst du um Schönheit ..... music: *Clara Schumann* (1819–1896)

text: *Friedrich Rückert* (1788–1866)

Andrew Stack (he/him), tenor

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

Liebst du um Schönheit,  
O nicht mich liebe!  
Liebe die Sonne,  
Sie trägt ein gold'nes Haar!

If you love for beauty,  
Oh do not love me!  
Love the sun,  
It has gold hair!

Liebst du um Jugend,  
O nicht mich liebe!  
Liebe den Frühling,  
Der jung ist jedes Jahr!

If you love for youth,  
Oh do not love me!  
Love the spring-time  
That is young each year!

Liebst du um Schätze,  
O nicht mich liebe.  
Liebe die Meerfrau,  
[Die] hat viel Perlen klar.

If you love for wealth,  
Oh do not love me!  
Love the mermaid,  
[Who] has many limpid pearls!

Liebst du um Liebe,  
O ja, mich liebe!  
Liebe mich immer,  
Dich lieb' ich immerdar.

If you love for love,  
Oh yes, love me!  
Love me forever;  
I will love you forevermore!

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

## OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

In Blackwater Woods ..... *Mary Oliver* (1935–2019)  
kel alford

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

## \*HYMN 1008

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place ..... text & music: *Joyce Poley* (b. 1941)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

### Chorus

When our heart is in a holy place  
When our heart is in a holy place  
We are blessed with love  
And amazing grace  
When our heart is in a holy place

When we trust the wisdom in each of us  
Every color, every creed and kind  
And we see our faces in each other's eyes  
Then our heart is in a holy place

### Chorus

When we tell our story from deep inside  
And we listen with a loving mind  
And we hear our voices in each other's words  
Then our heart is in a holy place

### Chorus

When we share the silence of sacred space  
And the G-d of our heart stirs within  
And we hear our voices in each other's words  
Then our heart is in a holy place

### Chorus

When our heart is in a holy place

## 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 [tinyurl.com/ASCCandle](https://tinyurl.com/ASCCandle).  
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

*To reach a member of the Pastoral Care team, please email [Care@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Care@ASCBoston.org).*

## 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.

## \*HYMN 134

Our World Is One World ..... *Cecily Taylor* (1929–2018)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Our world is one world  
What touches one affects us all  
The seas that wash us round about,  
The clouds that cover us  
The rains that fall

Our world is one world  
Its ways of wealth affect us all  
The way we spend, the way we share  
Who are the rich or poor  
Who stand or fall?

Our world is one world  
The thoughts we think affect us all  
The way we build our attitudes  
With love or hate  
We make a bridge or wall

Our world is one world  
Just like a ship that bears us all  
Where fear and greed make many holes  
But where our hearts can hear  
A different call

## READING

Go to the Limits of Your Longing ..... *Rainer Maria Rilke*

## SERMON

Ours is a Full-Catastrophe Love..... *kel alford*

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Von ewiger Liebe (Eternal Love) ..... music: *Johannes Brahms* (1833–1897)  
text: *August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben* (1798–1874)

Andrew Stack, tenor

Hyunju Jung, piano

Dunkel, wie dunkel in Wald und in Feld!  
Abend schon ist es, nun schweiget die  
Welt.

Dark, how dark in forest and field!  
Evening already, and the world is  
silent.

Nirgend noch Licht und nirgend noch  
Rauch,  
Ja, und die Lerche sie schweiget nun auch.

Nowhere a light and nowhere  
smoke,  
And even the lark is silent now too.

Kommt aus dem Dorfe der Bursche heraus,  
Gibt das Geleit der Geliebten nach Haus,

Out of the village there comes a lad,  
Escorting his sweetheart home,

Führt sie am Weidengebüsche vorbei,  
Redet so viel und so mancherlei:

He leads her past the willow-copse,  
Talking so much and of so many things:

„Leidest du Schmach und betrübest  
du dich,  
Leidest du Schmach von andern um mich,

‘If you suffer sorrow and suffer  
shame,  
Shame for what others think of me,

Werde die Liebe getrennt so geschwind,  
Schnell wie wir früher vereinigt sind.

Then let our love be severed as swiftly,  
As swiftly as once we two were plighted.

Scheide mit Regen und scheide mit Wind,  
Schnell wie wir früher vereinigt sind.“

Let us depart in rain and depart in  
wind,  
As swiftly as once we two were  
plighted.’

Spricht das Mägdelein, Mägdelein spricht:  
“Unsere Liebe sie trennet sich nicht!

The girl speaks, the girl says:  
‘Our love cannot be severed!

Fest ist der Stahl und das Eisen gar sehr,  
Unsere Liebe ist fester noch mehr.

Steel is strong, and so is iron,  
Our love is even stronger still.

Eisen und Stahl, man schmiedet sie um,  
Unsere Liebe, wer wandelt sie um?

Iron and steel can both be reforged,  
But our love, who shall change it?

Eisen und Stahl, sie können zergehn,  
Unsere Liebe muß ewig bestehn!“

Iron and steel can be melted down,  
Our love must endure forever!’

## 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](https://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](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto: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.



With 21 chapters nationwide and over 940 nonprofit partners, Gay for Good energizes and mobilizes the LGBTQ+ community to volunteer alongside the greater community through social welfare and environmental service projects. Their mission is to promote goodwill and understanding through collaborative volunteerism.

The Boston chapter is the most active in the country. Arlington Street proudly hosts their annual Valentine's Day card-making project, where volunteers handcraft cards for elders in Boston and surrounding communities. Learn more at [gayforgood.org](https://gayforgood.org).

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://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

A Comme Amour ..... *Paul de Senneville (1933–2023)*

## \*HYMN 1014

Answering the Call of Love..... *Rev. Jason Shelton (b. 1972)*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

The promise of the Spirit  
Faith, hope and love abide  
And so every soul is blessed  
and made whole  
The truth in our hearts is our guide

### Chorus

We are answering the call of love  
Hands joined together as  
hearts beat as one  
Emboldened by faith, we dare  
to proclaim  
We are answering the call of love

Sometimes we build a barrier  
To keep love tightly bound  
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear  
Denying the beauty we've found

### Chorus

A bright new day is dawning  
When love will not divide  
Reflections of grace in every embrace  
Fulfilling the vision divine

### Chorus

We are answering the call of love

## 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

Give Love ..... *Chanhyuk Lee (b. 1996)*  
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.*

## GOOD TO KNOW!

	Discounted Sunday parking is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a coupon from an usher. Also, meters are free on Sunday!
	Thanks to Art Nava and our amazing Tech Team, replays of each Sunday service are available at <a href="https://youtube.com/ASCBoston">youtube.com/ASCBoston</a> . Also, be sure to subscribe to the Arlington Street Church podcast to ensure you never miss a sermon!
	To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ASCCandle">tinyurl.com/ASCCandle</a> by 5:00 pm on Saturday. During the service, candles are always welcome in the Zoom chat.
	Providing pulpit flowers is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and give a gift the entire congregation can enjoy. Your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love will be included in the Order of Service. Please email the church office at <a href="mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org">Office@ASCBoston.org</a> to claim your Sunday!
	If you'd like to submit an announcement, please email the church office at <a href="mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org">Office@ASCBoston.org</a> by Wednesday evening so it can be included in the weekly e-newsletter and the Order of Service.



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## 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  
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We welcome your questions  
and suggestions at [Pru\\_Chair@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org)



## This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

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

12:15 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

### MONDAY, MAY 19

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)

*(Prompt: What are you looking forward to this summer?)*

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Worship (First Church Boston)

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

6:00 pm ~ Agora Presents: Cultural Crossroads with Hipstory

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

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

12:15 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,  
please visit [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org).



