ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Erica Rose Long (she/her), Affiliated Minister Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), Worship Coordinator

*HYMN 226

People, Look East music: *Traditional French Carol* arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

text: Eleanor Fargeon (1881–1965)

People, look east, the time is near Of the crowning of the year Make your house fair as you are able Trim the hearth and set the table People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way!

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare
One more seed is planted there
Give up your strength the seed to nourish
That in course and flower may flourish
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way!

Stars, keep the watch when night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim Shining beyond the frosty weather Bright as sun and moon together People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way!

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

World AIDS Day 2024 Rev. Erica Rose Long

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH Patrick Cooleybeck

INTROIT

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals

There is hope in our eyes When we truly see each other Like the light of countless stars We are not afraid of the dark

'Cause there is hope in our hearts And every single beat, we feel it To the ends of the earth Our echo carries on

We are sacred, we are strong We are beautiful, we belong Please hear our unheard song

There is hope in our voice When we listen to each other Barriers disappeared With every story told

We are sacred, we are strong We are beautiful, we belong Please hear our unheard song

There is hope in our eyes When we truly see each other We raise our flag, lift our voice

This is our moment
We are sacred, we are strong
This is our moment
We are beautiful, we belong

This is our moment
We are worthy, we are true
This is our moment
There are no borders from this view
Please help us raise our flag

There is hope in our eyes When we truly see each other

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.

*HYMN

Loosen, loosen baby You don't have to carry The weight of the world In your muscles and bones Let go, let go, let go

Holy breath and holy name, Will you ease, will you ease this pain?

READING

Part 2, Act 5, Scene 8, Angels in America Tony Kushner (b. 1956)

SERMON

To Live Rev. Erica Rose Long

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

I need you

You need me We're all a part of G-d's body

Stand with me

Agree with me We're all a part of G-d's body

It is his will that every need be supplied

You are important to me

I need you to survive

I pray for you

You pray for me

I love you

I need you to survive I won't harm you

With words from my mouth

I love you

I need you to survive

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: BLOOD:WATER

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.

BLOOD:WATER

Today's recipient is Blood:Water, which partners with organizations in Africa to build their capacity to end the linked HIV/AIDS and water crises. They currently work with 33 partner organizations in 12 countries by offering long-term financial and strategic support for local organizations that know their communities best. Find out more at bloodwater.org.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN

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

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, 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, DECEMBER 1

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

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

12:30 pm ~ World AIDS Day Installation (Cyclorama, 539 Tremont St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga Class (Zoom)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:00 pm ~ Pastelada Party! (Parish Hall)

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

1:00 pm ~ Vocal Revolution & VocaMotion Holiday Concert (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm ~Eddy Marcano Presents Navidad entre Compays (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

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

12:30 pm ~ Rodger Clinton Vine Christmas Piano Concert (Chapel)

1:00 pm ~ Community Carol Sing (Chapel)

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.