



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

PRELUDE

Hungarian Rhapsody No.3 in B-flat Major *Franz Liszt* (1811–1886)

With All My Heart *Babbie Mason* (b.1955)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

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

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her), Affiliated Community Minister

INTROIT

Székely Áldás *Elizabeth Norton* (b. 1959)

text: *Traditional Transylvanian*

Hungarian:

English:

Hol hit ott szeretet;

hol szeretet ott béke.

Hol béke ott áldás;

hol áldás ott Isten.

Hol Isten ott szükség nin csen.

Where there is faith there is love;

where there is love there is peace.

Where there is peace there is blessing;

where there is blessing there is G-d.

Where there is G-d, there is no need.

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

New Day's Lyric (excerpts) *Amanda Gorman* (b. 1998)

Rev. Parisa Parsa, Senior Minister

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

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

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

COVENANT RENEWAL 2025: Rooted & Thriving Lurline DeVos (she/her)



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 2nd!

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.
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 1037

We Begin Again in Love text: *Robert Eller-Isaacs* (1951–2022)
music: *Les Kleen* (b. 1942)

We forgive ourselves and each other
We begin again in love

SERMON

More than a Feeling Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Shake it Out *Florence Welch* (b. 1986) & *Paul Epworth* (b. 1974)
Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

Regrets collect like old friends
Here to relive your darkest moments
I can see no way, I can see no way
And all of the ghouls come out to play

And every demon wants his pound of flesh
But I like to keep some things to myself
I like to keep my issues drawn
It's always darkest before the dawn

And I've been a fool and I've been blind
I can never leave the past behind
I can see no way, I can see no way
I'm always dragging that horse around

And our love is pastured, such a mournful sound
Tonight I'm gonna bury that horse in the ground
So I like to keep my issues drawn
But it's always darkest before the dawn

Chorus

Shake it out, shake it out,
Shake it out, shake it out, oh whoa!
Shake it out, shake it out,
Shake it out, shake it out, oh whoa!
And it's hard to dance with a devil on your back
So shake him off, oh whoa!

I am done with my graceless heart
So tonight I'm gonna cut it out and then restart
Cause I like to keep my issues drawn
It's always darkest before the dawn

Chorus

And it's hard to dance
With a devil on your back
And given half the chance
Would I take any of it back?
It's a fine romance but it's left me so undone
It's always darkest before the dawn

And I'm damned if I do and I'm damned if I don't
So here's to drinks in the dark at the end of my road
And I'm ready to suffer and I'm ready to hope
It's a shot in the dark and right at my throat
'Cause looking for heaven, found the devil in me
Looking for heaven, found the devil in me
Well, what the hell, I'm gonna let it happen to me

Chorus

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: RENEWAL HOUSE

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

Healing Prayer music: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
text: *African American Spiritual "Balm in Gilead" & Nick Page*

Bek Zehr, vocals

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Sometimes I feel so discouraged
And think my life's in vain, in vain
But then the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again and again
We pray, we pray...

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole
A healing power in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul
We pray, we pray...

So feel the love, the love around you
This love can heal, heal your soul
If you let this love within you, this love within you
This love will make you whole, make you whole

We pray, we pray...

COMMISSIONING OUR PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Chaplain Barbara Gindhart

Rev. Ali Jablonsky

Marie O'Brien

Rev. John O'Connor

Fran Peterson

kel alford (student minister)

Pastoral Care Team Mission

With the guidance of and in collaboration with the senior minister, the Arlington Street Pastoral Care Team provides support to members and friends of the congregation both locally and online. We work in tandem with the ministerial staff to widen and deepen the scope of congregational support. We work in collaboration with each other to align our expertise and abilities to the needs of the congregation. The team is here when you need care—whether the need feels big, small, or anything in between, and we are here whether you're a longtime member or visiting for the first time. By keeping care confidential to the team and providing compassionate, calm, reliable support, we work to create a beloved community at Arlington Street Church.

If you need support, please reach out to Care@ASCBoston.org.

***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

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

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

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

Welcome, Happy Morning *Arthur Sullivan* (1841–1900)
arrangement: *Sunhee Kim*

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 23

- 10:30 am ~ Pastoral Care Support (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)
- 12:00 pm ~ Pastoral Care Support (Zoom)
- 6:00 pm ~ Lilith Vocal Ensemble Concert (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny: African Peanut Stew (Zoom)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Room (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)
(Prompt: What gets you through the New England winter?)
- 6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)
- 7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

- 10:30 am ~ Pastoral Care Support (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am ~ Covenant Renewal Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)
- 12:00 pm ~ Pastoral Care Support (Zoom)
- 12:00 pm ~ Winter Social Potluck Lunch (Chapel)
- 3:00(ish) ~ Covenant Renewal Reverse Telethon (Virtual)

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

Parish Ministers

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Do you believe in magic?






Please join us
for the Arlington Street Church
2025 Annual Gala

Saturday, May 17
6pm

Masterful magicians
Alluring appetizers
Charming cocktails
Stupendous silent & live auctions

tickets
\$100 per person

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 youtube.com/ASCBoston . 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 at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle 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 Office@ASCBoston.org to claim your Sunday!
	If you'd like to submit an announcement, please email the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org by Wednesday evening so it can be included in the weekly e-newsletter and the Order of Service.

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