



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025
Honoring Ramadan & Now Ruz (Persian New Year)

PRELUDE

Isfahan Reng *Gholam Hossein Darvish* (1872–1926)
Jane Maryam *Persian Folk Song*
Gole Goldoon *Simin Ghanem* (b. 1944)
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)
Hala Hazar (she/her), Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

Alhamdullilah *William Allaudin Mathieu* (b. 1937)

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

dar golestané / In the Field of Flowers *Sohrab Sepehri* (1928–1980)
Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

COVENANT RENEWAL: ROOTED & THRIVING Rev. Beth Robbins (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. There’s still time to make your pledge for 2025/26 at tinyurl.com/CovenantRenewal

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

***HYMN 1068**

Rising Green text & music: *Carolyn McDade* (b. 1935)

My blood doth rise in the roots of
yon oak
Her sap doth run in my veins
Boundless my soul like the open sky
Where the stars forever have lain
Where the stars, where the stars
Where the stars forever have lain

I feel the tides as they answer
the moon
Rushing on a far distant sand
Winging my song is the wind of
my breast
And my love blows over the land
And my love, and my love
And my love blows over the land

My hands hold the weavings of time
without end
My sight as deep as the sea
Beating, my heart sounds the
measures of old
That of love's eternity
That of love, that of love
That of love's eternity

My foot carries days of the old
into new
Our dreaming shows us the way
Wondrous our faith settles deep in
the earth
Rising green to bring a new day
Rising green, rising green
Rising green to bring a new day

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.

READING

My Grandmother Washes Her Feet in the Sink of the Bathroom at Sears

Moja Kahf (b. 1967)

*HYMN 180

Alhamdullilah *William Allaudin Mathieu* (b. 1937)

SERMON

Of the Essence Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

Prayer, from Moses and Pharaoh music: *Gioachino Rossini* (1797–1868)
text: *Luigi Balocchi* (1766–1832) & *Victor-Joseph Étienne de Jouy* (1764–1846)

Andrew Stack, tenor
Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Des cieux où tu résides,
Grand Dieu, toi qui nous guides,
Comble les vœux timides
D'un peuple obéissant.

Comble les vœux timides
D'un peuple gémissant.

Après un long orage,
Conduis-nous au rivage,
Et sauve du naufrage
Tes fidèles Hébreux.

Conduis-nous au rivage
Objet de tous nos vœux.

Ô toi que tout révère,
Aux cieux et sur la terre,
Écoute ma prière,
Protège tes enfants!

Ô toi que tout révère,
Écoute nos accents.

The heavens where you reside,
Great G-d, who guides us,
We fill with a humble greeting
From your obedient people.

We fill with a humble greeting
From your languishing people.

After a long storm,
Lead us to the shore
And save the faltering,
Your faithful people.

Lead us to the shore,
The object of all our wishes.

O thou that all revere,
In the heavens and on earth,
Hear my prayer,
Protect your children!

O thou that all revere,
Hear our cries.

Des cieux où tu résides,
Grand Dieu, toi qui nous guides,
De tes enfants timides
Termine les revers,
Grand Dieu, tu vois nos fers.

In the heavens where you reside,
Great G-d, who guides us,
Your humble children,
End our troubles,
Great G-d, you see our chains.

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: CALL MICHELLE CHARITY

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.



The Call Michelle Charity was established in honor of Michelle M. Buteau, beloved wife of Arlington Street member Fran Peterson. Call Michelle raises funds for the Transplant Critical Care Fund at Brigham and Women's Hospital to help families waiting for an organ transplant.

This fund provides resources to support pulmonary and thoracic surgery patients and their families in covering the costs of hospital parking and meals or larger expenses related to travel and hotel stays.

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

Uncovered *Mutual Kumquat*

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

Rev. Joanna Lubkin (she/her), vocals

Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

Look around, when all your walls
Come crashing down, where will
you turn?
Could you even stop for a second
Just to pick up the pieces of your
shattered life?
Always running one small step behind
And you're losing faith in your power
to change

Chorus

Then decide to break free
And fix your eyes on this love that you
cannot hide
So even when your heart breaks
Know that the sun's still gonna shine

If ever you feel like you are
not enough

Listen to your heart beat,
Listen to your heart speak
And when words are not enough
Just take a leap of faith, take a step
And learn how to live and love
Got to hope and trust
In all the mysteries that you will find
Uncover the truth,
There's more than meets the eye

So alive, but you keep it all wrapped
up inside
Who would ever know, if you don't let
it show
Even when you think that you are at
the end
And that rope that you hold fast
And keep holding on, keep holding on

Chorus

*HYMN

Change Is Coming *Molly Bajgot*

Change is coming, what do we need to imagine?
Change is coming, what do we need to imagine

Cause I know from brokenness there's voice
Yes I know, from brokenness there's whole

To be prepared, you know I'm scared
To be prepared, yes I know I'm scared

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

Persian March *Johann Strauss II* (1825–1899)
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.*

*** As part of our continuing commitment to offer an authentic, inclusive welcome,
we have retired the recitation of the Spanish version of our Affirmation and Covenant.
We honor its history in our community and look forward to new ways
of building deeper relationships with our neighbors of many cultures.*

Flowers on the High Pulpit

Today's flowers are dedicated in memory of Fran Peterson's bride,
Michelle Buteau. Fran writes, "This week, Michelle would have celebrated her
69th birthday. Michelle was very warm, kind, and loving. She had a generous spirit
and would lend a hand to anyone in need. Michelle taught me so many things,
but after some reflection this week, I realized that she was a UU way before I
discovered Arlington Street Church and was much better at it than I will ever be.
Michelle always led with love and kindness.
She is deeply missed by all who loved her."



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

Arlington Street Staff Directory

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



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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

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

12:45 pm ~ Corporation Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny: Mini Quiches with Three Salads (Zoom)

MONDAY, MARCH 24

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)

(Prompt: Looking back on the five years since the beginning of the pandemic, what gifts or lessons have stayed with you from that challenging time?)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 pm ~ Ágora Presents: The Dalí Quartet (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

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)

2:00 pm ~ New Member Class: Meet Rev. Parisa (Zoom)

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

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