



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

PRELUDE

The Power of Your Love *Geoff Bullock* (b. 1955)
Love Wins All *Donghwan Seo*
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)
Marie O'Brien (she/they) Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another (1896) text: *I John 4:7-8*
music: *Arthur Foote* (1853–1937)

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of G-d.
And ev'ry one that loveth is born of G-d, and knoweth G-d.
One that loveth not knoweth not G-d, for G-d is love.
Beloved, let us love one another, for G-d is love.

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Parisa Parsa, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN**

Love Everyone *Snatam Kaur* (b. 1972), adapted
arrangement: *Marcus Mack & Mark David Buckles*

Oh the Sun, oh it shines on everyone
Oh the Sun, oh it shines on everyone
We say peace to all, life to all

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

We say love, love, love, love everyone,
Love everyone

When it rains, oh it rains on everyone.....

When we pray, oh we pray for everyone...

So we pray, oh we pray for everyone...

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

Try a Little Kindness *Curt Sapaugh & Bobby Austin* (1933–2002)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

If you see your sibling standing by the road
With a heavy load from the seeds they sowed
And if you see your kindred falling by the way

Just stop and say, "You're going the wrong way"

Chorus

You've got to try a little kindness
Show a little kindness
Shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of narrow-minded people on their narrow-minded streets

Don't walk around the down and out
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt
And the kindness that you show every day
Will help someone along their way

READING

The Good Samaritan *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)*
(From the "I Have Been to the Mountaintop" speech given on April 3, 1968)

ANTHEM

He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother text: *Bob Russell (1914–1970)*
music: *Bobby Scott (1937–1990)*
arrangement: *John Coates Jr. (1938–2017)*

The road is long
With many a winding turn
That leads us to who knows where
Who knows where

But I'm strong
Strong enough to carry him
He ain't heavy, he's my brother

So on we go
His welfare is of my concern
No burden is he to bear
We'll get there

For I know
He would not encumber me

He ain't heavy, he's my brother

If I'm laden at all
I'm laden by sadness
That everyone's heart
Isn't filled with the gladness
Of love for one another

It's a long, long road
From which there is no return
While we're on the way to there
Why not share

And the load
Doesn't weigh me down at all
He ain't heavy he's my brother
He ain't heavy, he's my brother

SERMON

Who Is Our Neighbor? Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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: MIRA COALITION

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.



Immigration raids have begun in Boston, and we feel an urgent need to respond. This week's Share the Plate will go to the **Massachusetts Immigrant Refugee and Advocacy Coalition**. MIRA's mission is to promote the advancement of immigrants across the Commonwealth and beyond. MIRA Coalition places immigrant and refugee voices at the forefront to advocate for the well-being of our communities. To learn more about MIRA please visit miracoalition.org.

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

If You Got a Problem *Joy Oladokun* (b. 1992)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

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

When the light is gone
And you're on your own
You've been trying but the fight never goes away
And you don't know when
The sun will shine again
All you gotta do is look my way

Chorus

If you got a problem
I got a problem too
If you're standing at the bottom
I'll reach out for you
If you need someone to lean on
Baby, I can be strong
I will carry you through
If you got a problem
I got a problem too

Everybody needs something to believe
If you want you can always put your your faith in me
I don't know it all
But I know how it feels to fall
With a helping hand you'll find your feet

Chorus

If you're lonely
If you're down and out
Holding out for a better day
Call out for me
I'll come running
And we'll find a better way

Chorus

MEDITATION

***HYMN**

Let the Life I Lead *Traditional Irish Song*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Let the life I lead speak for me
Let the life I lead speak for me
When I come to the end of the road
And I lay down my heavy load
Let the life I lead speak for me

Let the friends I have ...

Let the work I do ...

Let the love I share ...

Let the songs I sing ...

Let the life I lead ...

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.*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)
12:30 pm ~ Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)
6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny (Zoom)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)
6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)
6:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 pm ~ Learn to Dance Salsa with DJ Cano Cangrejo & Ágora

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

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

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.

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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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!*