



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

Happy Hanukkah!

PRELUDE

Suite of Six Short Pieces *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872–1958)

- I. Prelude - Molto moderato
- II. Slow Dance - Andante grazioso
- III. Quick Dance - Allegro molto
- IV. Slow Air - Lento
- V. Rondo- Andante con moto
- VI. Pezzo Ostinato - Allegretto

Yulia Yun (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her)

Lucy Humphrey (they/them), Worship Coordinator

KINDLING OF THE CHANUKIAH..... *Traditional Hebrew Text*

translation: *Rev. Joanna Lubkin*

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Baruch atah Adoshem, Elokeinu melech ha'olam,
sheh-asah nisim lavoteinu bayamim hahem baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings moments of holiness to our lives
through the ritual of lighting the Chanukah lights.

Blessed are You, Source of All,
who brings our attention to miracles
from ages past to this very moment.

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

INTROIT

Ocho Kandelikas *Flory Jagoda (1923–2021)*
(Eight Little Candles)
Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Ali Jablonsky, Affiliated Community Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 221**

Light One Candle *Peter Yarrow (b. 1938)*
from Peter, Paul, and Mary

Light one candle for the Maccabee children
with thanks that their light didn't die
Light one candle for the pain they endured
when their right to exist was denied
Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice justice and freedom demand
But light one candle for the wisdom to know
when the peacemaker's time is at hand

Chorus

Don't let the light go out, it's lasted for so many years
Don't let the light go out, let it shine through our love and our tears

Light one candle for the strength that we need to never become our own foe
Light one candle for those who are suff'ring the pain we learned so long ago
Light one candle for all we believe in, that anger won't tear us apart
And light one candle to bring us together with peace as the song in our heart

Chorus

What is the mem'ry that's valued so highly we keep it alive in that flame?
What's the commitment to those who have died
when we cry out they've not died in vain?
Have we come this far always believing that justice would somehow prevail?
This is the burden and this is the promise and this is why we will not fail

Chorus

Don't let the light go out!
Don't let the light go out!
Don't let the light go out!

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 77**

Seek Not Afar for Beauty text: *Minot Judson Savage* (1841–1918)
music: *Alfred Morton Smith* (1879–1971)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Seek not afar for beauty
Lo, it glows in dew-wet grasses all about thy feet
In birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet
In stars and mountain summits topped with snows

Go not abroad for happiness
Behold it is a flower blooming at your door
Bring love and laughter home
And evermore joy shall be yours as changing years unfold

In wonder-workings or some bush aflame
We look for truth and fancy it concealed
But in earth's common things Love stands revealed
While grass and flowers and stars spell out G-d's name

READING

Miss Rumphius *Barbara Cooney* (1917–2000)

SERMON

Taking Stock of Our Treasures Rev. Ali Jablonsky

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER


ANTHEM

Keep Breathing *Ingrid Michaelson* (b. 1979)
Hannah Shanefield, soprano

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: FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER PROGRAM

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.



FRIDAY NIGHT
SINCE 1984
SUPPER PROGRAM

In 1984 as the AIDS Crisis was escalating in Boston, Arlington Street Church & Dignity Boston, a community of GLBTQ Catholics & Allies, collaborated to meet to meet the growing need for support & services for people facing food & housing insecurity, social isolation and homelessness. 40 years later it continues as an independent organization which has provided over 5,000 meals to hundreds of individuals in the Boston community this year alone. In addition to the meals they also provide clothing and resource information to their guests. Over the past 40 years members of Arlington Street Church have volunteered in a variety of capacities & given generously. Let us keep the tradition of loving service alive.

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

Nocturne in E-flat Major*Gustav Holst* (1874–1934)
from *Two Pieces for Piano H.179*
Yulia Yun, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine..... *Traditional*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine...

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

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

Hanukkah, Hanukkah *Hebrew Folk Song*
Yulia Yun, organ



** 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 (and beyond) at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 - Church Office Open

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

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

Please note that the church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's, giving our staff a well-deserved holiday break. Also, some of the regular Arlington Street programming will be on hiatus during the holidays. Please check the updated schedule at ASCBoston.org for the next gathering of your favorite event.

**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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