



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

PRELUDE

Méditation de Thaïs.....*Jules Massenet* (1842-1912)

Les Jours tranquilles..... *André Gagnon* (1936-2020)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Marie O'Brien(She/They)

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Be Like the Bird text: *Victor Hugo* (1802 – 1885)

music: *Abbie Betinis* (b. 1980)

Hannah Shanefield (She/Her), Soprano

Be like the bird that,
Pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight,
Feels them give way beneath her – and sings –
Knowing she hath wings.

GREETINGS Rev. Ali Jablonsky(She/Her), Worship Coordinator

*HYMN #352

Find a Stillness.....*Carl G. Seaburg* (1922–1998)

Find a stillness, hold a stillness, let the
stillness carry me

Find the silence, hold the silence, let the
silence carry me

In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit
giving power,

I will find true harmony

Seek the essence, hold the essence, let the
essence carry me

Let me flower, help me flower, watch me
flower, carry me

In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit
giving power

I will find true harmony.

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

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW AND 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 AND 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 out 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 #1020**

Woyaya..... *Osibisa*

We are going,
Heaven knows where we are going,
But we know within.
And we will get there,
Heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.

It will be hard, we know,
And the road will be muddy and rough,
But we'll get there,
Heaven knows how we will get there,
But we know we will.
Woyaya, woyaya, woyaya, woyaya.

SERMON

Walking Backwards*Marie O'Brien*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Blue.....Music by *William Bolcom*
Text by *Arnold Weinstein*

This is what I want to do
my heart
is sit real still with you.

After all that cruising
in
around
and out of town,
Put them down who dare refuse me
and the same old line I threw
ah, but up, up, up
I grew

And now all I want to do
my heart
is sit real still with you.

After all that screeching
talking fast
and slowing down
Only now and then to reach you
when you let me know I knew
that what I preach is none too true

That's why all I want to do
my heart
is sit real still with you.

(Cause I do know this about people
and I DON'T mean some:
Awf'ly smart people are often awful
dumb!
Aren't we?
We just don't realize
that behind the eyes,
behind the mind,
you find the sweetest brilliance
and a stillness of such blue that...)

That's why all I want to do
my soul
is sit real still with you.
Ah so sweetly down the hill
That is what I want to do
sweet soul
is sit real still with you.

Hannah Shanefield, soprano
Hyunju Jung, piano

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Since 1729, the support of our community has allowed Arlington Street to thrive as a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. This congregation is entirely self-supporting. 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 transformational generosity. Please consider making a special gift to this morning's offering.



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're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira at Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. Rev Beth and many of our most devoted members and friends pledge 5-10% of their income each year. In addition, 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!

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

SHARE THE PLATE

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street. 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.

Since September, we have given generously to many causes about which we are passionate including International Medical Corps, NEADS service dogs, Best Friends Animal Society, Only a Child (Guatemala), Friday Night Supper Program, Lend a Hand, Renewal House, Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and Gay for Good.

During the summer months, our Share the Plate offerings are saved for future emergencies and to help in rescue and rebuilding efforts following natural (and unnatural) disasters, amplifying our impact around the world.

To make your gift, please visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; scan the QR code above; or text the amount you want to give and the word **SHARE** (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Hyunju Jung, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN #118

This Little Light of Mine.....*African American Spiritual*

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

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

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...

BENEDICTION AND 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

Les Champs-Elysees.....*Michael Wilshaw* (b.1945)
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.*

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!*