



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts
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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025
Happy Transgender Day of Visibility!

PRELUDE

Love Is Like a Butterfly *Dolly Parton* (b. 1946)
Who We Love *Sam Smith* (b. 1992) & *Ed Sheeran* (b. 1991)
You Were Created to Receive the Greatest Love *Minseob Lee*
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)
Rebecca Reid (she/her), Worship Coordinator

***GATHERING SONG**

If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out *Cat Stevens* (b. 1948)

Well, if you want to sing out, sing out
And if you want to be free, be free
'Cause there's a million things to be
You know that there are
And if you want to live high, live high
And if you want to live low, live low
'Cause there's a million ways to go
You know that there are

Chorus

You can do what you want
The opportunity's on
And if you can find a new way,
You can do it today
You can make it all true
And you can make it undo
You see, ah ah ah
It's easy, ah ah ah
You only need to know

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

Well if you want to say yes, say yes
And if you want to say no, say no
'Cause there's a million ways to go
You know that there are

And if you want to be me, be me
And if you want to be you, be you
'Cause there's a million things to do
You know that there are

Chorus

Well, if you want to sing out, sing out
And if you want to be free, be free
'Cause there's a million things to be
You know that there are
You know that there are

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Being Trans *Francisco Castro Videla*
Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN**

Gospel Truth *Tylan Greenstein & Ingrid Elizabeth*

Everybody's got pain aching in their heart
They got pain, aching in their heart
So don't hold back, cry out loud
Share it with a neighbor when you feel low down
The truth shall set you free, set you free, set you free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

Everybody's got fear, trouble in their heart
They got fear, trouble in their heart
So don't hold back, whisper in my ear
Share it with a neighbor, watch it disappear
The truth shall set you free, set you free, set you free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

Everybody's got joy shining in their heart
They got joy, shining in their heart
So don't hold back, smile real wide
Share it with a neighbor all the light inside
The truth shall set you free, set you free, set you free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

Everybody's got love warming up their heart
They got love, warming up their heart
So don't hold back, reach out a hand
Share it with a neighbor, help them understand
The truth shall set you free, set you free, set you free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free

Everybody's got change jangling in their heart
They got change, jangling in their heart
So don't hold back, throw your two cents in
Share it with a neighbor and you're both gonna win
The truth shall set you free, set you free, set you free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free
Glory Hallelujah, you'll be free
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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 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
All made holy, loved, and true 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.

ANTHEM

Hymn for Gloria *Sam Smith* (b. 1992)
arrangement: *Simon Hale* (b. 1964)

Demons on my shoulder
Monsters in my head
Shadow in the water
Will you be my friend?

The signs were there for so long
If only you believe
That there is always more, more

The world revolves around me
As I lie in my bed
Dreaming of more, more

Be yourself so loud tonight
They'll hear you from the stars
Sparkling like dynamite
If that is who you are

Sequins in the skyline
Glitter on the beach
Makeup on the mountains
Diamonds in the sea

A hymn for Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, Gloria
It's all but a hymn for Gloria
It's all but a hymn for Gloria

REFLECTION

We Take Care of Us *Jairo Gamez* (he/him)

REFLECTION

Bridges and Ceasefires *Bek Zehr* (they/them)

SONG

Too Much *Bek Zehr* (b. 1999)
Bek Zehr (they/them), piano and vocals
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

I've always been outside the circle
Friends, they brought me in, but I wasn't heard though
Something must be wrong
Something must be wrong with me

I have come out like a billion times
And I thought that I knew who I was inside
But it never was enough
Never was enough to feel

Chorus:

That I am free to love
I won't be too much
All of these labels can't even touch me
Look at me
All that you'll see is a soul

I shove on this shirt presenting myself
Ache to ignore the way that I felt
Rehearsing the words
Rehearsing the words to be enough
When was the last time I sat with myself
'What do you need to feel your own love?'
Don't pretend to know
You don't have to know in this moment

Nothing you do makes you worthy
You were born with blood of beauty
I have been screaming your name
'Please come back home'
You are me

Chorus

REFLECTION

Listen to Me Kody Storms (they/xe/he)

REFLECTION

Riding the Divine Gender Line Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them)

SONG

Ten Mile Stilts *Nicky Mehta* (b. 1972)
from *The Wailin' Jennys*

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar
Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

Imagine you're a girl on ten mile stilts
You travel round the world, taking it all in
You'll never touch the ground
Is it a blessing or a curse
And if you're too high to be found
Are you lost or just rehearsed

Got a heart that opens clear in this cool September dark
It rests on treetop leaves
And bursts its little sparks
And sometimes it sings its songs
And it lets its secrets out
Except for one that sears inside
That it cannot live without

But if I tell you will you take it
Will you shine it up to me

Can you be strong to let me go on
And set this freedom free

The stars are out tonight
Up here they're ripe to hold
But I have learned what comes to those who get too close
I'm no Icarus in flight
And I'm old enough to know
That love is patient, but still unyielding
If you leave it long enough it lets you go

But if I tell you will you take it
Will you shine it up to me
Can you be strong to let me go on
And set this freedom free

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: SYLVIA RIVERA LAW PROJECT

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 Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP is a collective organization founded on the understanding that gender self-determination is inextricably intertwined with racial, social and economic justice. SRLP seeks to increase the political voice and visibility of

low-income people and people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming. SRLP works to improve access to respectful and affirming social, health, and legal services for their communities. SRLP believes that in order to create meaningful political participation and leadership, all people must have access to basic means of survival and safety from violence. Learn more at: <https://srlp.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

Revolution Lover *Left at London* (b. 1996)

You know, I feel like the world got smaller
I recall all of the days I've cried
Even if heaven doesn't take us, we tried
But you know, I think if we stick together
Maybe we'll become each other's guide
I know we'll make it out of this one alive

Chorus

And we'll be alright
Revolution lover

You know, I know that your hope's been missing
I know we both coulda almost died
I know it's harder every day to provide
But it's gonna change, I can feel it coming
And when it's here, we'll be side-by-side
I know we'll make it out of this one alive

Chorus

I'm yours, I'm yours (*repeat*)

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

This is Me *Benj Pasek (b. 1985) & Justin Paul (b. 1985)*
 Hyunju Jung, piano



*** 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.*

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 Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair	Rachel Corey Cathy DeMatto Hala Hazar	Art Nava Laura Pattison Bob Sessions
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This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

- 5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)
(Prompt: What would be the first sentence of your life story?)
- 6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Worship (First Parish Cambridge & Zoom)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

- 9:00 pm ~ Ágora Presents: Los Pirañas (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5







- 10:45 am ~ Hands Off Massachusetts Rally (Boston Common)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

- 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)
- 4:00 pm ~ Celebrity Series: Boston Conservatory Faculty Brass Quintet (Sanctuary)

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

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.
	If you need extra emotional support, a listening ear, or a hug in these difficult times, you are warmly invited to connect. Pastoral caregivers are available at 10:30 on Sundays mornings. Look for them in the back pew on the far right as you enter the sanctuary. There is also a dedicated Zoom breakout room for pastoral care during virtual coffee hour. If you would like a check in during the week, please email Care@ASCBoston.org . <i>Love is the spirit of this congregation!</i>

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