



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

**PRELUDE**

Don't Be Afraid ..... *Seokjoo Hyun*  
You Were Created to Receive the Greatest Love ..... *Minseob Lee*  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)  
Lucy Humphrey (they/them), Worship Coordinator

**INTROIT**

The Fifth Principle ..... *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
Sam LaGrego (he/him), tenor  
Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

We believe in democracy and the right of conscience  
Within our community and throughout our world. Amen.

**OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING**

Paról ..... *Feliz Lucia Molina*  
Rev. Parisa Parsa

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

**\*HYMN**

There Will Be a Light ..... *Ben Harper* (b. 1969)  
arrangement & additional lyrics: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), soprano  
Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano

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

There will be, there will be, there will be a light  
There will be a light

Let the warmth of our love dry away all of your tears  
Fear not, fear not, for we are with you  
We will fear not, fear not with you here

There will be, there will be, there will be a light  
There will be a light

Let the warmth of our love magnify all of your bliss  
Sing out, sing out, for we are with you  
Together, we will give thanks for this

There will be, there will be, there will be a light  
There will be a light

#### 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](http://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 out truths in love,  
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu  
de nuestra congregación,  
Esto servicio es nuestro regalo.  
Esta es a lo que nos comprometemos:  
Convivir en paz,  
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,  
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

**\*HYMN**

How Can I Keep from Singing? ..... music: *Robert Lowry* (1826–1899)  
arrangement: *Callie Jennings*  
text: *Pauline T.* (attributed) and *Callie Jennings*

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals  
Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals  
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

My life flows on in endless song among earth's lamentation.  
I catch a sweet though far-off hymn – some stranger's new creation.  
In all their tumult, all my strife, I hear their music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

And though the tempest 'round me roars, that plain rough truth brings beauty.  
And when the darkness 'round me close, the cradling night sings to me.  
Though storms will shake my inmost calm while to the rocks I'm clinging,  
Somewhere love's shaking heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes. The clouds grow thin. I know there's blue above it.  
And day by day, the day's path comes, since first I chose to love it.  
These piecemeal hopes, this careworn heart, are fountains ever springing.  
All shall be well, and all shall be well. How can I keep from singing?

**READING**

A New National Anthem ..... *Ada Limón* (b. 1976)

**EMBODIED PRAYER**

Ubi Caritas ..... text: *Paulinus II of Aquileia*, attrib. (c. 726–802)  
music: *Jacques Berthier* (1923–1994)

Ubi caritas  
Et amor  
Ubi caritas  
Deus ibi est

*Translation: where love and compassion are, G-d is there*

**SERMON**

A Song Like Sustenance ..... Rev. *Parisa Parsa*

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

### ANTHEM

National Anthem: Arise! Arise! ..... *Jean Rohe* (b. 1984)

Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano

Atlantic and Pacific flow  
The Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico  
The land between sustains us all  
To cherish it, our tireless call

#### **Chorus:**

Arise! Arise!  
I see the future in your eyes  
To a more perfect union we aspire  
And lift our voices from the fire

We reached these shores from many lands  
We came with hungry hearts and hands  
Some came by force and some by will  
At the auction block, or the darkened mill

#### **Chorus**

We died in your fields and your factories  
Strange fruit hanging' from the poplar trees  
With an old coat hanger in a room somewhere  
A trail of tears, an electric chair

#### **Chorus**

Our great responsibility  
To be guardians of our liberty  
'Til tyrants bow to the people's dream  
And justice flows like a mighty stream

#### **Chorus**

## 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](https://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](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto: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

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.



Common Cause Massachusetts is working to make our democracy accessible to all but getting out the vote for this important election. All year round,

Common Cause wins concrete, pro-democracy reforms that break down barriers to participation, promote accountability, and ensure that each of us has a voice.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://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

History ..... *Lucas Milliken* (b. 1984)  
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

All the good kings stepped down from their thrones  
All the rulers abdicated; all the tyrants resigned  
All the generals put down all their swords  
All the planned assassinations were all left behind so

All the good got to grow old;  
All the prophets, they survived into a ripened age  
And all the stories that they told, we studied so much more than war  
To the point that we've forgotten how to wage them

So we spent all our time dancing, singing songs and writing novels  
Building houses where the prison walls have crumbled down  
And if anyone gets hungry, we would call them to the table  
Break some bread and without question we'd just pass it all around

Those were the days where no mother had to pray her child out the door  
Or pray them home each night  
And there were no shots heard echoing  
From the schoolyards to the theaters to the city streets  
And all you could hear, for miles and miles  
Was the sound of all the people singing  
"Alleluia, alleluia, we have broken all our chains and we are free"

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### \*HYMN

I Am Willing ..... *Holly Near* (b. 1949)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

### Chorus

I am open and I am willing  
For to be hopeless would seem so strange  
It dishonors those who go before us  
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family  
There is sorrow in my town  
There is panic all across the nation  
There is wailing the whole world round

**Chorus**

May the children see more clearly  
May the elders be more wise  
May the winds of change caress us  
Even though it burns our eyes

**Chorus**

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion  
Give me a desert to hold my fears  
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder  
Give me an ocean to hold my tears

**Chorus**

**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**

From the Rising of the Sun ..... *Paul S. Deming*  
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.*

## Let's Be Together Election Week!

While this week will likely be a time of anxiety and uncertainty, we don't need to face it alone! Let's gather in community as we uplift and uphold each other through these difficult days. We need one another!

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

#### **Meal, Crafts, and Song with Sanctuary Boston (In Person ~ Parish Hall)**

**6:00–9:00 pm** (*drop in at any point*)

Please join Rev. Ali Jablonsky, Rebecca Reid, and Queen Cheryl for a dinner of comfort food favorites, followed by time to sing, craft and be together. We'll skip the live tv coverage but will gently provide updates. If you know someone who needs a loving place to be on election night, please bring them along!

#### **Vespers for a Time of Waiting (Zoom)**

**7:00–8:00 pm**

Rev. Parisa and Marie O'Brien will lead us in a time of reflection with words, images, and music followed by an opportunity to connect with one another.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

#### **Tea with the Ministers (Hybrid)**

**5:00–6:00 pm**

Join us for a very special election week Tea with the Ministers! Rev. Beth and Rev. Parisa will serve tea to our in-person guests in the Frothingham Library as well as welcoming our friends on Zoom.

#### **Sanctuary Boston Worship Service (Hybrid)**

**6:00 pm ~ Dinner, 6:30–8:00 pm ~ Worship**

This community of vibrant worship and real connection is grounded in Unitarian Universalism and open to seekers of all kinds.

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

#### **Community Care Potluck (In Person ~ Parish Hall)**

**6:30–8:00 pm**

Join us for an evening of fellowship, food, and conversation as we enjoy one another's good company. Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself!

Details on these events as well as a series of resources for election stress are available at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org)





## This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

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

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

2:00 pm ~ New Member Class (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Campus Ministry Chalice Circle (Hunnewell Chapel)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga Class (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Arlington Street Church - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

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](https://www.ASCBoston.org).

### **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](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org) to claim your date! *Thank you!*

## Arlington Street Staff Directory

### Parish Ministers

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

Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her) • Executive Minister (BRobbins@ASCBoston.org)

### Music

Mark David Buckles (he/him) • Director of Music (MBuckles@ASCBoston.org)

Hyunju Jung (she/her) • Collaborative Pianist

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him) • Artist in Residence

Joe Della Penna (he/him) • Jazz Artist in Residence

### Choir Section Leaders

Hannah Shanefield (she/her) • Soprano

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them) • Alto

Samuel LaGrego (he/him) • Tenor

Andrew Stack (he/him) • Baritone

### Administration

Jeff Fogleman (he/him) • Congregational Administrator (Office@ASCBoston.org)

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### 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.

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