



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

PRELUDE

Winterreise (The Winter Journey), D. 911 *Franz Schubert* (1797–1828)
piano transcription: *Robert Wittmann* (1804–1891)

II. Die Wetterfahne (The Weathervane)

V. Der Lindenbaum (The Linden Tree)

XI. Frühlingstraum (Spring Dreams)

XIII. Die Post (The Post)

XVII. Im Dorfe (In The Village)

Yulia Yun (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)
Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

Here Together *David Glasgow* (b. 1971)
Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

We are here, here together

In this holy moment

And we're grateful for the winding road

That brought us to this place

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

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

***HYMN 12**

O Life That Maketh All Things New text: *Samuel Longfellow* (1819–1892)
music: *Traditional English Melody*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

O Life that maketh all things new,
The blooming earth, our
thoughts within,
Our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

One in the freedom of the truth,
One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the soul's perennial youth,
One in the larger thought of G-d;

From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright
hope glows,
The seekers of the light are one:

The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon's grander view,
The sense of life that knows no death,
The Life that maketh all things new,

The Life that maketh all things new

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)
adaptation: *Crawford/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 18**

What Wondrous Love.....text: *American Folk Hymn*
new lyrics: *Connie Campbell Hart* (b. 1929)
music: *Southern Harmony* (1835)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul
What wondrous love is this,
O my soul?
What wondrous love is this
that brings my heart such bliss
And takes away the pain of my soul,
of my soul
And takes away the pain of my soul

Chorus

What wondrous love
What wondrous love
What wondrous love
What wondrous love

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down
When I was sinking down,
sinking down

When I was sinking down
beneath my sorrows ground
Friends to me gathered round,
O my soul, O my soul
Friends to me gathered round,
O my soul

Chorus

To love and to all friends I will sing,
I will sing
To love and to all friends I will sing
To love and to all friends
who pain and sorrow mend
With thanks unto the end I will sing,
I will sing
With thanks unto the end I will sing

Chorus

READING

The Visible and the In- *Marge Piercy* (b. 1936)

SERMON

Only ConnectRev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Seasons of Love, from *Rent* *Jonathan Larson* (1960–1996)

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets
In midnights, in cups of coffee
In inches, in miles
In laughter, in strife
In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in the life

How about love?
Measure in love
Seasons of love

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand journeys to take
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure a life of joy and heartbreak?


In truths that she learned
Or in times that he cried
In bridges they burned
Or the way that she died

It's time now to sing out
Though the story never ends
Let's celebrate
Remember a year in the life of friends

Remember the love
Measure in love
Seasons of love

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: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE PARENTS CIRCLE

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.

פורום משפחות שכולות
ישראל-פלסטיני בעד שלום
ISRAELI PALESTINIAN
BEREAVED FAMILIES FOR PEACE
منتدى عائلات تكلي فلسطيني
إسرائيلي من أجل السلام



American Friends of the Parents Circle – Families Forum shares the human side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with the American public in order to foster a peace and reconciliation process. The Parents Circle – Families Forum is a

joint Israeli-Palestinian organization made up of more than 700 bereaved families. Their common bond is that they have lost a close family member to the conflict. Instead of choosing revenge, they have chosen a path of reconciliation. Learn more at <https://parentsirclefriends.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

Count on Me *Bruno Mars* (b. 1985), *Philip Lawrence* (b. 1980),
and *Ari Levine* (b. 1984)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals
Yulia Yun, piano

If you ever find yourself stuck in the middle of the sea
I'll sail the world to find you
If you ever find yourself lost in the dark and you can't see
I'll be the light to guide you
We'll find out what we're made of
When we are called to help our friends in need

Chorus

You can count on me like one, two, three
I'll be there
And I know when I need it, I can count on you like four, three, two
And you'll be there
'Cause that's what friends are supposed to do, oh yeah

If you tossin' and you're turnin' and you just can't fall asleep
I'll sing a song beside you
And if you ever forget how much you really mean to me
Every day I will remind you
We'll find out what we're made of
When we are called to help our friends in need

Chorus

You'll always have my shoulder when you cry
I'll never let go, never say goodbye

Chorus

You can count on me 'cause I can count on you

BREATHING MEDITATION *Cole Arthur Riley*

Inhale: *I was meant for love.*

Exhale: *Help me to receive it.*

Inhale: *I need more than me.*

Exhale: *We get free together.*

Inhale: *I am worthy of embrace.*

Exhale: *Lead me to belonging.*

***HYMN**

Shower the People *James Taylor (b. 1948)*

You can play the game, you can act out the part,
Though you know it wasn't written for you
But tell me how can you stand there with your broken heart,
Ashamed of playing the fool?
One thing can be to another, it doesn't take any sacrifice
Oh, father and mother, sister and brother,
If it feels nice, don't think twice

Chorus

Show the people you love with love
Show them the way that you feel
Things are gonna work out fine
If you only will

You can run but you cannot hide, this is widely known,
But what you plan to do with your foolish pride,
When you're all by yourself alone?
Once you tell somebody the way that you feel,
You can feel it beginning to ease,
I think it's true what they say about the squeaky wheel,
Always getting the grease, better to...

Chorus

Show the people you love with love
Show them the way that you feel

They say in every life, they say the rain must fall
Just like pouring rain, make it rain
Make it rain, love, love, love is sunshine!

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

I'll Be There For You, from *Friends* *Michael Scloff* (b. 1959)
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, JANUARY 5

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Ministers (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Church Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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.

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

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Hala Hazar

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The leadership welcomes your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org.

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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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