



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

PRELUDE

Heidenröslein (Wild Rose) *Franz Schubert* (1797–1828)

Du bist wie eine Blume (You Are Like a Flower) *Franz Liszt* (1811–1886)

Die stille Lotosblume (The Silent Lotus Flower) *Clara Schumann* (1819–1896)

Du bist wie eine Blume (You Are Like a Flower) *Robert Schumann* (1810–1856)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen (Lo, how a rose e'er blooming)

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Anna Sunmin Park (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister (she/her)

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her)

INTROIT

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

music: *Abbie Betinis* (b. 1980)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), 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.

OPENING WORDS Rev. Ali Jablonsky

CHALICE LIGHTING

The Summer Day *Mary Oliver* (1935–2019)

Rev. John O'Connor (he/him)

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

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

*HYMNS

All Shall Be Well / Another World music: *Ana Hernández* (b. 1957)

All shall be well, and all shall be well,
And all manner of things shall be well *Julian of Norwich* (1343–c. 1416)

Another world is not only possible, she is on her way
On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing
She is on her way *Arundhati Roy* (b. 1961)

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Rev. Beth Robbins & Rev. Erica Rose Long

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.*

To reach a member of the Pastoral Care team, please email Care@ASCBoston.org.

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.

REFLECTION

In Lieu of Flowers Rev. Erica Rose Long (she/her)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Dance When You're Broken Open text: *Rumi* (1207–1273), adapted
music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Dance when you're broken open	Dance in the middle of fighting
Dance when you've torn the	Dance in your blood
bandage off	Dance when you're free
	Dance when you're perfectly free

REFLECTION

We Are Never Empty Handed Rev. Ali Jablonsky

CANTICLE

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

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

REFLECTION

Still, They Bloom Rev. John O'Connor

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Blessed Be the Flower That Triumphs music: *Elizabeth Alexander* (b. 1962)
text: *Michael deVernon Boblett*, adapted by the composer

Blessed be the flower that triumphs
Over snows, over thorns, over withered stems,
Over windswept mountains, over deserts cruel and dry.
Blessed be the flower that triumphs.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs
Over wars, over change, over centuries,
Over barbed wire fences, over soldiers' heavy feet.
Blessed be the flower that triumphs.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs
Over well-meaning hands bent on gathering.
Over small closed rooms, with their vases hard and cold.
Blessed be the flower that triumphs.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs
Over vain words of priests and of poets' pens
And attempts to domesticate its wild, wild Truth.
Blessed be the flower that triumphs.

Blessed be the flower that triumphs
Over past, over death, over silences,
Enduring beyond iron and tears and severed roots,
And restoring to all things a joyful smallness.
Blessed be the flower that triumphs at last.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY Rev. Beth Robbins
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: GAY FOR GOOD

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.



With 21 chapters nationwide and over 940 nonprofit partners, Gay for Good energizes and mobilizes the LGBTQ+ community to volunteer alongside the greater community through social welfare and environmental service projects. Their mission is to promote goodwill and understanding through collaborative volunteerism.

The Boston chapter is the most active in the country. Arlington Street proudly hosts their annual Valentine's Day project, where volunteers handcraft cards for elders in Boston and surrounding communities. Learn more at gayforgood.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

If You Got a Problem *Joy Oladokun (b. 1992)*

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals

When the light is gone
And you're on your own
You've been trying but the fight
 never goes away
And you don't know when
The sun will shine again
All you gotta do is look my way

Chorus
If you got a problem
I got a problem too
If you're standing at the bottom
I'll reach out for you
If you need someone to lean on
Baby, I can be strong
I will carry you through
If you got a problem
I got a problem too

If you're lonely
If you're down and out
Holding out for a better day
Call out for me
I'll come running
And we'll find a better way

Chorus

Rev. Ali Jablonsky, Rev. Erica Rose Long & Rev. John O'Connor

Life Calls Us On text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize,
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free,
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

BENEDICTION Rev. Beth Robbins

An Irish Blessing text: *Traditional Gaelic Blessing*
music: *Everett Reed*

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May G-d hold you in the palm of their hand

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved	For your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your people are mine
Where you go I will go, beloved	Your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Waltz of the Flowers, from *The Nutcracker* *Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky* (1840–1893)
Anna Sunmin Park (she/her), 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.*



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A Note from Rev. Beth

Good morning, beloveds!

I am delighted to be joined in leading worship today by my dear friends and colleagues: Rev. Ali Jablonsky, Rev. Erica Rose Long, and Rev. John O'Connor. We are so fortunate to have these wonderful affiliated community ministers! I'm especially grateful for the many (many!) ways they are pitching in to provide ministerial leadership during Rev. Parisa's medical leave. Thank you Ali, Erica, and John for your extraordinary service in supporting our community and allowing Parisa to take the time she needs to rest and heal.

Though my heart is heavy to be leading my final service as your Executive Minister, I am incredibly grateful for all of the gifts you have given me over the last ten years. Thank you for opening your hearts to me and blessing my life with so much laughter and love. It has been my great honor to be your minister.

While today is my last Sunday service, I'll see you on Saturday (6/14) morning for Pride. I could never miss taking to the streets for Pride with you, my beloveds! My official last day at Arlington Street is June 30th, so you may hear from me over email in the coming weeks as I work to ensure a smooth transition. I'm planning to remain in the area and am hoping for the opportunity to serve one of our neighboring congregations as their Senior Minister. Thank you for all of the ways you have supported and prepared me for this next step in my ministry.

Thank you to Queen Cheryl and to everyone who's helped to create today's sendoff party. I'm looking forward to celebrating together after the service. I will be forever grateful to Arlington Street and to each of you. Please know that I will miss you dearly and will carry you in my heart always.

I love you-





This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

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

12:30 pm ~ Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)

12:30 pm ~ Farewell Party for Rev. Beth (Chapel & Parish Hall)

MONDAY, JUNE 9

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly: Buddhist Book Discussion Group (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Center (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Pride Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

10:00 am ~ Pre-Parade Pride Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

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.

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We welcome your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org

