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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Today's pulpit flowers are given in memory of

Donna DeCourcy Conlin

by her daughter Anne.

Donna would have loved nothing more

than snuggling her grandchildren

among beautiful flowers.

PRELUDE

Mother's Grace *Jaehoon Park* (1922–2021)

Homeward Bound *Marta Keen* (b. 1953)

arrangement: *Jay Althouse* (b. 1951)

You Were Created to Receive the Greatest Love *Minseob Lee*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie (she/her), Senior Minister

MOTHERS DAY CHALICE LIGHTING

Give Thanks to She *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

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

THE DEDICATION OF CHARLIE JAMES CONLIN KOFFEL

Son of Anne & Ben

Little brother of Pippa

Joyous grandson of Bill & Dorothy Koffel and Jim Conlin & Carole Ferguson

and Donna Conlin, of blessed memory

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

***HYMN**

The Rainbow Connection *Paul Williams* (b. 1940) & *Kenneth Ascher* (b. 1944)

- for baby Charlie and his big sister, Pippa -

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals

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

Why are there so many
Songs about rainbows
And what's on the other side
Rainbows are visions
But only illusions
And rainbows have nothing to hide
So we've been told and some
 choose to believe it
But I know they're wrong, wait and see

Someday we'll find it
The Rainbow Connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

Who said that every wish
Would be heard and answered
When wished on the morning star
Somebody thought of that
And someone believed it
Look what it's done so far
What's so amazing

That keeps us stargazing
And what do we think we might see

Someday we'll find it
That Rainbow Connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me
All of us under its spell
We know that it's probably magic

Have you been half asleep
And have you heard voices
I've heard them calling my name
Is this the sweet sound that
 calls the young sailors
The voice might be one and the same
I've heard it too many times to
 ignore it
It's something that I'm supposed to be

Someday we'll find it
The Rainbow Connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

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

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

Break Not the Circle text: *Rev. Fred. Kaan (1929–2009)*
music: *Michael Lehr*, adapted

Andrew Stack (he/him), baritone

Break not the circle of abiding love
Where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;
Break not that circle, make it wider still,
'Til it includes, embraces all the living.

Join then the movement of the love that frees,
'Til people of whatever race or nation
Will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,
See eye to eye in grateful liberation.

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life,
Where words of freedom are with humor spoken,
And people keep no score of wrong and guilt,
But will that human bonds remain unbroken.

SERMON

Belonging: Be Here. Be You. Belong.

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Barátságunkban text: *Reményik Sándor (1890–1941)*
music: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

*composed for the 2012 Unitarian Universalist musical pilgrimage
to our partner congregations in Transylvania*

Van egy barátom, végzetesen más,
És végzetesen mégis egy velem,
Barátságunkban épp ez a varázs.
Én benne élem égig magamat,
Ő bennem álmodja magát égig.

I have a friend who is intensely different,
And yet is intensely one with me.
This is the magic of our friendship.
In them, I live in the heavens,
They dream themselves to the heavens
through me.

Ha találkozunk egy más csillagon,
Szerepeinket talán kicserélik.

If we ever meet on another star,
Perhaps our positions would be reversed.

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. In addition, we share each Sunday's collection with a partner in our vital mission. 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

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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. Kim, 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!

MAY SHARE THE PLATE: THE LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE ~ MOTHERS DAY WALK FOR PEACE

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old 10th grader growing up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, “I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in my government. However, if things don’t change, I’ll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail.” Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence.

That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

In 1994, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chéry, honored her son’s dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of violence.

The Mother’s Day Walk for Peace is a beloved, 28-year-long Boston tradition and an important fundraiser for LDBPI. The theme this year is Cultivating Cycles of Peace.

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

Wildflowers *Tom Petty (1950–2017)*
Bek Zehr, vocals
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Hyunju Jung, piano

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
Sail away, kill off the hours
You belong somewhere you feel free

Run away, find you a lover
Go away somewhere all bright and new
I have seen no other
Who compares with you

Run away, go find a lover
Run away, let your heart be your guide
You deserve deepest of cover
You belong in that home by and by

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong in a boat out at sea
You belong with your love
on your arm
You belong somewhere you feel free

You belong among the wildflowers
You belong somewhere close to me
Far away from your trouble and worry
You belong somewhere you feel free
You belong somewhere you feel free

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

You'll Never Walk Alone text: *Oscar Hammerstein II* (1895–1960)
from *Carousel* music: *Richard Rodgers* (1902–1979)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark.
At the end of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind,
Walk on through the rain,
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.
Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone,
You'll never walk alone.

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

Blessed Be Your Name *Matt Redman* (b. 1974)
Hyunju Jung, piano



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 Spring at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

Friday, May 17th, 12:00 pm ~ Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Marriage Equality

It's been twenty years since Arlington Street hosted the first legal same-sex wedding in a church in the U.S. We're working with our friends from GLAD to host a hybrid celebration of this happy anniversary. Rev. Kim will be a featured speaker along with Goodridge plaintiffs David Wilson and Rob Compton, Former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, and Boston Red Sox EVP David Friedman. The event is free, but pre-registration is required at www.glad.org/20years.

Sunday, May 19th, 1:30 pm ~ Retirement Luncheon Honoring Rev. Kim

Queen Cheryl and her team invite you to a special luncheon celebrating our beloved Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie. Join us for an afternoon of songs, stories, and gifts as we express our gratitude for the countless ways Rev. Kim has touched our lives. The luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall and will begin after the Corporation Meeting.

Saturday, June 8th, 11:00 am ~ PRIDE!

Join the fun as our annual pre-parade service kicks off Boston's Pride celebration. As always, all people of good heart are welcome!