



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

PRELUDE

Song of Autumn.....*Stephen Reynolds* (b. 1947)

Prelude in E-Flat, Op 10, No. 1.....*Julius Chaloff* (1892–1979)

Rodger Clinton Vine (Artist in Residence), piano

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 21**

For the Beauty of the Earth.....text: *Folliot Sandford Pierpoint* (1835–1917), adapted

music: *Conrad Kocher* (1786–1872)

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

For the beauty of the earth
For the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Source of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of ear and eye
For the heart and mind's delight
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight
Source of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light
Source of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

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

For the joy of human care
Sibling, kindred, parent, child
For the kinship we all share
For all gentle thoughts and mild
Source of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

The Seventh Principle..... *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We believe in the interdependent web of all existence
of which we are a part. Amen.

GREETINGS Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

***HYMN 1010**

We Give Thanks.....*Rev. Wendy Luella Perkins* (b. 1966)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day
For all gathered here, and those far away
For this time we share with love and care
Oh, we give thanks for this precious day

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.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

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
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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

Gratitude Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Song of the Universalmusic: *Ola Gjeilo* (b. 1978)
text: *Walt Whitman* (1819-1892)

Mark David Buckles, conductor

Hyunju Jung, piano
Emily Hale, violin
Lisa Goddard, violin
Vanessa Fitzgerald, viola
Valerie Thompson, violoncello
Nancy Kidd, double bass

The Arlington Street Church Choir

Sopranos

Eve Lauria
Gaby Whitehouse
*Hannah Shanefield
Megan Cook
Zoe Arguello

Altos

Barbara Seidl
*Bek Zehr
Betsy Shearer
Chihiro Ansano
Lena Pontes
Rebecca Reid
Yvonne Niebuhr

Tenors

Daniel Rosensweig
*Samuel LaGrego

Basses

*Andrew Stackhouse
Dan Ivey
Daniel Simpson
George Whitehouse
Jason Edelstein
Richard Marshall

**section leader*

Come, said the Muse,
Sing me a song no poet yet has chanted,
Sing me the Universal.

In this broad Earth of ours,
Amid the measureless grossness and the slag,
Enclosed and safe within its central heart,
Nestles the seed Perfection.

By every life a share, or more or less,
None born but it is born—conceal'd or unconceal'd, the seed is waiting.

Give me, O G*d, to sing that thought!
Give me—give him or her I love, this quenchless faith
In Thy ensemble. Whatever else withheld, withhold not from us,
Belief in plan of Thee enclosed in Time and Space;
Health, peace, salvation universal.


All, all for Immortality!
 Love, like the light, silently wrapping all!
 Nature's amelioration blessing all!
 The blossoms, fruits of ages—orchards divine and certain;
 Forms, objects, growths, humanities, to spiritual Images ripening.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY: IT'S A MIRACLE!

Each year on Thanksgiving Sunday, we break with our weekly discipline of giving to an organization that shares our mission of love, service, justice, and peace; traditionally, our Share the Plate gifts have stayed "in house" and gone to support a program of the church. Today is a Miracle Sunday: You are invited to make a gift above and beyond your Covenant Renewal pledge, and every unpledged gift goes to support a Big Thing. The last time we did this, we raised the seed money for the restoration of our Tiffany stained glass windows. This morning, let's make a miraculous dent in the unanticipated, unbudgeted sewer pipe repair that came in at a whopping \$43,070.16. To say the least, it wasn't glamorous, but it was absolutely necessary.

Rev. Kim and Rev. Beth are giving \$500 apiece. Some of you will easily and happily give more, or much more; for some, anything will be a stretch. You are invited to give at any level — give until it feels good! Our beloved treasurer, Liz Teixeira, has been kept awake at night worrying about this bill. Let's do it for Liz!

Thank you for your 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

OFFERTORY

Grateful *John Bucchino* (b. 1952)
 Daniel Rosensweig, tenor; Hyunju Jung, piano

I've got a roof over my head	I've got a heart that can hold love
I've got a warm place to sleep	I've got a mind that can think
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts	There may be times when I lose the light
Instead of counting sheep	And let my spirits sink

But I can't stay depressed
When I remember how I'm blessed

Chorus

Grateful, grateful
Truly grateful I am
Grateful, grateful
Truly blessed
And duly grateful

In a city of strangers
I've got a family of friends
No matter what rocks and brambles fill
the way
I know that they will stay in the end

I feel a hand holding my hand
It's not a hand you can see
But on the road to the promised land
This hand will shepherd me

Through delight and despair
Holding tight and always there

Chorus

It's not that I don't want a lot
Or hope for more, or dream of more
But giving thanks for what I've got
Makes me so much happier than
keeping score

In a world that can bring pain
I will still take each chance
For I believe that whatever the terrain
Our feet can learn to dance
Whatever stone life may sling
We can moan or we can sing

Chorus

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 67**

We Sing Now Together.....text: *Rev. Edwin T. Buehrer* (1894–1969), alt.
music: *Adriaen Valerius* (c. 1575–1625)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We sing now together our song of thanksgiving
Rejoicing in goods which the ages have wrought
For life that enfolds us, and helps and heals and holds us
And leads beyond the goals which our forebears once sought

We sing of the freedoms which martyrs and heroes
Have won by their labor, their sorrow, their pain
The oppressed befriending, our ampler hopes defending
Their death becomes a triumph, they died not in vain

We sing of the prophets, the teachers, the dreamers
Designers, creators, and workers, and seers
Our own lives expanding, our gratitude commanding
Their deeds have made immortal their days and their years

We sing of community now in the making
In every far continent, region, and land
With those of all races, all times and names and places
We pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand

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	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

Nun Danket Alle Gott, from *Choral Improvisation*.....*Sigfrid Karg-Elert* (1877–1933)
Rodger Clinton Vine (Artist in Residence), 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!*