



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

PRELUDE

What Sweeter Music..... *John Rutter* (b. 1945)

Just As I Am..... *Jieun Kim*

Hyunju Jung, piano

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

CHALICE LIGHTING

Is It Working? *Pádraig Ó Tuama*
kel alford, Student Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Have You Ever *Brandi Carlile* (b. 1981)

Natalia St Jean, soprano

Hyunju Jung, piano

Have you ever wandered lonely through the woods?

And everything there feels just as it should

You're part of the life there

You're part of something good

If you've ever wandered lonely through the woods

Have you ever stared into a starry sky?

Lying on your back you're asking why

What's the purpose I wonder who am I

If you've ever stared into a starry sky

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

Have you ever been out walking in the snow?
Tried to get back to where you were before
You always end up not knowing where to go
If you've ever been out walking in the snow
If you'd ever been out walking you would know

GREETINGS Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 112**

Do You Hear?..... text: Emily L. Thorn (1915–2004)
music: *William Caldwell's Union Harmony* (1837)

Do you hear, oh my friend, in the place where you stand,
Through the sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear?
In the heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main,
In the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?

Through the roar, through the rush, through the throng, through the crush,
Do you hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul?
Hear the cry fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will,
Hear a sigh's startling trill in your soul, in your soul?

From the place where you stand to the outermost strand,
Do you hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear?
All the dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers –
They are yours, mine, and theirs – do you hear, do you hear?

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 1020**

Woyaya..... *Osibisa*

We are going
Heaven knows where we are going
But we know within

And we will get there
Heaven knows how we will get there
But we know we will

It will be hard, we know
And the road will be muddy and rough
But we'll get there
Heaven knows how we will get there
But we know we will

Woyaya, Woyaya...
Woyaya, Woyaya...

SERMON

Is it Working? The Healing Power of Questions kel alford

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Ready Now..... *Dodie (b. 1995)*
Natalia St Jean, ukulele and vocals

You saw through me
All this time
I'd forgotten

People are kind
I was hurting
And you knew

So you showed me
What to do

You said, "I will listen
Tell it all
When you're finished
We'll talk more"
But I didn't know how
So we took it in turns
And to my surprise
We found my words

Feet firm on the ground
We stood hand in hand
The world seemed to tell me
That I have a plan
Together, we sang
"I'm ready, now"

Something new
Something strange
Ten feet taller

I had changed
I believe you
I'm not wrong
Oh, it suits me
To feel strong

You said, "I will listen
Tell me it all
You don't like the ending
Then we'll find one that's yours"
Oh, how did you know
That's all we need?

A promise of hope
Is enough to feel free
Feet firm on the ground
We stood hand in hand
And I told the world
That I have a plan
Together, we sang
"I'm ready, now"

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

1. Scan the QR code
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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!

NOVEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: ONLY A CHILD

Founded in Guatemala City in 1994 by Arlington Street member George Leger, the mission of Only a Child is to break the cycle of chronic hunger, malnutrition, disease, violent crime, and despair. To that end, Only a Child maintains a home and insures an education for youth from impoverished backgrounds. The home welcomes up to a dozen youths and provides a surrogate family in which they are taught responsibility and accountability, develop confidence and self-esteem, and are supported in receiving an excellent education. Our gifts will fund both the Only a Child home and sponsor tuition at high-quality, independent secondary schools and university. For more information, please visit OnlyaChild.org.

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OFFERTORY

Love Never Fails..... *Minjung Joo*
Hyunju Jung, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 354**

We Laugh, We Cry *Shelley Jackson Denham (1950–2013)*

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love
And we have found a need to be together
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive
And we believe that sharing is an answer

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love
And we have found a joy being together
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see
Even to question, truly is an answer

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

I Will Sing..... *Donya Brockway*
Hyunju Jung, piano arrangement: *Youngsoo Lee*

