



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

PRELUDE

Don't Be Afraid..... *Seokjoo Hyun*

Le Jardin..... *Kevin Kern* (b. 1958)

Hyunju Jung, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Hope text: *Emily Dickinson* (1830–1886)
music: *Joanne Hammil*

“Hope” is the thing with feathers –
That perches in the soul –
And sings the tune without the words –
And never stops – at all

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent I. Hope..... Roddy Emley, Worship Coordinator

GREETINGS

*HYMN

If You Want to Sing Out, Sing Out..... *Cat Stevens* (b. 1948)

Well, if you want to sing out,
sing out
And if you want to be free, be free
'Cause there's a million things to be
You know that there are

And if you want to live high, live high
And if you want to live low, live low
'Cause there's a million ways to go
You know that there are

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

Chorus

You can do what you want
The opportunity's on
And if you can find a new way,
You can do it today
You can make it all true
And you can make it undo
You see, ah ah ah
It's easy, ah ah ah
You only need to know

Well if you want to say yes, say yes
And if you want to say no, say no
'Cause there's a million ways to go
You know that there are

And if you want to be me, be me
And if you want to be you, be you
'Cause there's a million things to do
You know that there are

Chorus

Well, if you want to sing out, sing out
And if you want to be free, be free
'Cause there's a million things to be
You know that there are

You know that there are

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 100**

Peace Like a River..... *Marvin V. Frey (1918–1992)*

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain...
I've got love like an ocean...
I've got pain like an arrow...
I've got tears like the raindrops...
I've got strength like a mountain...
I've got peace like a river...

SERMON

Be Weird! Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

How to Sing Like a Planet music & text: *Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)*

Let everything unfold in its own time.
Accept what's beyond your control.
Revel in simple harmonic motion.

Turn.
Rotate.

Get charged up.
Be weak. Be strong.
Don't fight friction.
Vibrate sympathetically.
Don't be afraid to get into a groove.

Let gravity have its way with you.
Revolve around something luminous.

Wheel, whirl, slide, collide,
Circle, cycle, amble, gambol –
Resonate, radiate, innovate, renovate,
Oscillate, fluctuate, circumnavigate –

Bloom periodically.
Hunker down when you must.
Wobble from time to time without
apology.

Know that annihilation's possible any
time,
But expect a bright tomorrow's coming
anyway.

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
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'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!

TODAY'S SHARE THE PLATE: JOY!

On Sunday afternoon, December 17th, Arlington Street and Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal will co-host our sixteenth annual holiday party for families in one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city. In the past, we've provided balloon animals and temporary tattoos, cookie decorating, and face painting. A beautiful meal was served, and each child and every adult received a gift. While the party has evolved into a "walk through" event since 2020, it's still festive with food and gifts for everyone. For most of these families, it's the only Christmas celebration they'll have. Laura Pattison will be purchasing gift cards and warm gloves. *Let's deliver some joy!*

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

There Isn't One Way *Patty Griffin* (b. 1968)
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin

Chorus

There isn't one way
There isn't one way
There's just your way for you
And that's the right way

You wanna have a little style?
Keep the kindness in your heart
Let it be the place you start
Let it be your best friend

You wanna have a little style?
Keep the kindness in your heart
Let it be the voice you hear
Hear it whisper in your ear

Chorus

Even if you're hurting, be a friend
Try to do the best you can
You might feel a little stronger
If your heart is unchained

The world is untameable
And so it shall remainable

You have to bend and unbend
Again and again and again

There isn't one way
There isn't one way
There's just you in your heart
And the part you gotta play

Chorus

Make your way with little harm
For everything is charmed
Everything is alive
Or it once was

Be thankful for the sun
Be thankful for the blues
For the gold in your ears
For the holes in your shoes

You will never ever, never ever
Come this way again
Be in awe, my friend
'Cause it's amazing

Chorus

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 118**

This Little Light of Mine..... *Traditional*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine...

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

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

Square's Dream..... *Youngsuk Yoo* (b. 1965)
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!*