

**Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

**PRELUDE**

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

Breathe ..... *Jonghyun Kim (1990 – 2017)*

Hyunju Jung, piano

**WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Rev. Erica Rose Long, Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

**INTROIT**

There Is an Answer. .... *Ian Axel (b. 1985) and Chad King (b. 1985)*  
from *A Great Big World*

Bek Zehr, vocals and percussion

I am just a sailor in a great big sea  
Searching for what's meant for me  
And I thank my lucky stars every single day  
I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be

When the storm begins to blow  
When I've lost my way back home  
Oh, there is an answer  
Oh, there is an answer

There is a ripple to every wave  
A rhythm to the days and nights  
And all our thoughts, they make the world go round  
All our efforts multiply

Make a change, and you will see  
One small step is all we need  
Oh, there is an answer  
Oh, there is an answer

There is no difference between you and me  
It lies beyond our history  
And if we only take the time to see we're all we need  
Just take my hand, and see me as your family

Look inside, and you will find  
Love exists in every kind  
Oh, there is an answer  
Oh, there is an answer

Near or far, oh I believe that love will find us there  
Through the dark, oh I believe that love will find us there  
Oh, I believe that love will find us there  
Oh, there is an answer

**GREETINGS** ..... Patrick Cooleybeck, Worship Coordinator

**\*HYMN 38**

Morning Has Broken ..... text: *Eleanor Farjeon* (1881 – 1965)  
music: *Gaelic Melody*  
harmonization: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where G\*d's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
G\*d's recreation of the new day!

**COVENANT RENEWAL 2023 ~ #ASCNATION** ..... Alan Kemp

In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our covenant of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. Covenant Renewal Sunday is coming up on March 5th!

**COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY**

Sanctuary ..... *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)  
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 [here](#). 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 our 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 318**

We Would Be One ..... text: *Samuel Anthony Wright* (1919 – 2016)  
music: *Jean Sibelius* (1865 – 1957)

We would be one as now we join in singing  
Our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew  
To that high cause of greater understanding  
Of who we are, and what in us is true.  
We would be one in living for each other  
To show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow  
A nobler world than we have known today.  
We would be one in searching for that meaning  
Which bends our hearts and points us on our way.  
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,  
With love and justice, strive to make us free.

**SERMON**

Blasphemy! ..... Rev. Erica Rose Long

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

Jordan ..... *Joy Oladokun* (b. 1992)

Bek Zehr, guitar and vocals

They drowned me in the Jordan  
Then they tried to wash me clean  
They got the stains out  
But now it's too damn hard to breathe  
They told me he's a good Lord  
As they tied the shackles to my feet  
They drowned me in the Jordan  
And then they walked away from me

I washed up on the shores alone  
In a tattered wedding gown  
Disillusioned and hardened  
Everything I'd known had let me down, down, down  
That is where you found me  
Grace and whisky on your breath  
You pulled me back on my feet  
And taught me how to dance again

Now we're building our own promised land  
On this new ground we stand  
G\*d bless the work of our hands  
And make good on our plans  
'Cause now I've found love  
There's no turning back

I don't feel so young now  
Gave the best years of my life away  
I tried to build an institution  
Instead of trying to keep the faith  
If you'd been the one  
You loved me though I was not lovely or deserving  
You kissed the curse from my lips  
And taught them to rejoice again

Now we're building our own promised land  
On this new ground we stand  
G\*d bless the work of our hands  
And make good on our plans  
'Cause now I've found love  
There's no turning back  
Now I've found love  
There's no turning back.

## 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](https://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  
351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira at [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto: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!*

## **FEBRUARY SHARE THE PLATE: RENEWAL HOUSE**

For over forty years, Renewal House has provided temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence agencies to provide shelter to male as well as female survivors and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House is dedicated to working with underserved populations, including queer communities, elders, and individuals with disabilities.

Among its many programs, Renewal House offers a 24-hour hotline, bilingual Spanish and English advocacy, support groups and pastoral counseling, English as a second language (ESL) classes, job training, and community outreach education. For more information, please visit [www.uuum.org/dv-services](http://www.uuum.org/dv-services).

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://tinyurl.com/GiveASC); or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to **(617) 300-0509**. *Thank you for your generosity to this lifesaving ministry!*

## **OFFERTORY**

Flying Free ..... text & music: *Don Besig* (b. 1936)

Bek Zehr, vocals  
Hyunju Jung, piano

There is a place I call my own  
Where I can stand by the sea  
And look beyond the things I've known  
And dream that I might be free

Like the bird above the trees  
Gliding gently on the breeze  
I wish that all my life I'd be  
Without a care and flying free

But life is not a distant sky  
Without a cloud without rain  
And I can never hope that I  
Can travel on without pain

Time goes swiftly on its way  
All too soon we've lost today  
I cannot wait for skies of blue  
Or dream so long that life is through

So life's a song that I must sing  
A gift of love I must share  
And when I see the joy it brings  
My spirits soar through the air

Like that bird up in the sky  
Life has taught me how to fly  
And now I know what I can be  
And now my heart is flying free

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN

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

Here in reverence now we gather  
For the blessings we have known,  
With a pledge to one another  
That we journey not alone.  
Joy and sorrow make us wise,  
Kin to all that lives and dies;  
Love calls us on, love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us  
Waken here to keep us strong;  
Blend our voices in the chorus  
Of creation's living song.  
Courage bids us lift our eyes  
Upward to the shining skies;  
Hope calls us on, hope calls on.

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!  
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

## 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



*\* 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, bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space), or a member of the staff will purchase them (~\$50). Please email our congregational administrator, Jess ([JAcosta@ASCBoston.org](mailto:JAcosta@ASCBoston.org)), to claim your date! *Thank you!*

## Staff Directory

### Parish Ministers

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

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

**Rev. George G. Whitehouse** (*he/him*), Minister at Large

### Community Ministers

**Rev. John Gibbons** (*he/him*)  
*Minister for Good Trouble*

**Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason** (*she/her*)  
*Minister for Spiritual Direction*

**Rev. Fred Small** (*he/him*)  
*Minister for Climate Justice*

**Rev. Ali Jablonsky** (*she/her*)  
*Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center*

**Dr. Arthur Judge** (*he/him*)  
*Hospital Chaplain, retired*

**Rev. Erica Rose Long** (*she/her*)  
*Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital*

**Rev. Joanna Lubkin** (*she/her*)  
*Interim Minister, Theodore Parker Church*

**Rev. Vera O'Brien** (*she/her*)  
*Chaplain, HopeHealth Hospice*

### Music

**Mark David Buckles** (*he/him*), Director of Music

**Hyunju Jung** (*she/her*), Collaborative Pianist

**Rodger Clinton Vine** (*he/him*), Artist in Residence

### Choir Section Leaders

**Hannah Shanefield** (*she/her*), Soprano

**Bek Zehr** (*they/them*), Mezzo Soprano

**Samuel LaGrego** (*he/him*), Tenor

**Andrew Stack** (*he/him*), Baritone

### Administration

**Jess Acosta** (*she/they*), Congregational Administrator

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