

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2020

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the end of Greetings.

PRELUDE

Perfect *Jacob Hoggard* (b. 1984), *David Bendeth* (b. 1954),
and *Dave Genn* (b. 1969), from *Hedley*

Perfect *Ed Sheeran* (b. 1991)

Beautiful *Linda Perry* (b. 1965)
recording: *Christina Aguilera* (b. 1980)

Yulia Yun, piano

INTROIT

Ode to Contentment *Traditional Shaker*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Come contentment lovely guest,
Reign unrivaled in my breast.
Thou alone wilt do.
Thou alone canst fill the soul,
Ev'ry passion canst control,
When the stormy billows roll,
Thou canst bear me through.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN**

Why Worry? *Anonymous*
lyrics adapted: *Sara Krakauer* and *Mark David Buckles*

Why, why worry when you can sing?
Why, why worry when you can sing?
Sing cause we can't know
Sing for us and for others
Sing cause we can't know
Sing cause it will be beautiful
Why, why worry when you can sing?

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

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.
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***HYMN**

Forget Your Perfect Offering

*Anonymous, after Leonard Cohen (1934 – 2016)
arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Forget your perfect offering
(Forget your perfect offering)
Just sing the song that you can sing
(Just sing the song that you can sing)
There is a crack in everything
(There is a crack in everything)
That's how (That's how)
The light (The light)
Gets in (That's how the light gets in)

SERMON

The Perfect is Enemy of the Good ... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Behold, God the Lord Passed By

musc: Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

from *Elijah*

text: 1 Kings 19:11-12

Behold, God the Lord passed by!
And a mighty wind rent the mountains around,
Broke in pieces the rocks,
Broke them before the Lord:
But yet the Lord was not in the tempest.

Behold, God the Lord passed by!
And the sea was upheaved,
And the earth was shaken:
But yet the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake there came a fire:
But yet the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire there came a still small voice:
And in that still voice onward came the Lord.

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

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston.

Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the unpledged offering is shared with a partner



in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 (all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

Small Sweet Step *Zo Tobi* (b. 1985)

Mark David Buckles, Tevan Goldberg,
and Daniel Rosensweig, vocals

When you wake and feel the day's already gone
The sun is rising but your faith is going down
And you're losing hope a change gonna come
You gotta tune your station to a higher sound

When the way seems blockaded,
And you just don't have the might,
Give some praise that you're frustrated
You ain't wrong you're on the edge of something right

Take a small sweet step, give it all you got
Just a small sweet step moving forward
You don't know what's next, and nevertheless
Take a small sweet step moving forward

And when you're riding and the fog has got you blind
Remember you're the sky that holds the clouds
Born with a hero's heart and a monkey mind,
On the planet of commitment, there is no doubt

And you know you've got to be crazy,
To look at the game and think you're okay
You're in the very last minute of the very last play,
The scoreboards not on your side
But inside your heart is a beat,
It's the song on your tongue and the dance in your feet,
You came here to bring to the game what you got,
Win or lose ain't never the prize

Take a small sweet step, give it all you got
Just a small sweet step moving forward
You don't know what's next, and nevertheless
Take a small sweet step moving forward

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Simple Faith *David Tamulevich and Michael Hough*
from *Mustard's Retreat*

Chorus

*Ours is a simple faith
Life is a short embrace
Heaven is in this place
Every day*

*Hope is the ground we till
Make each day what you will
Thankful for dreams fulfilled
Every day*

No room in this heart for fear
No judgment day drawing near
Trust that inner voice you hear
Every day

Life's not a goal or race
It's about heart and faith
And living a life of grace
Every day

Chorus

Trust is an open hand
Making an honest stand
Rooted here in the land
Every day

Living the mystery
Seeking the harmony
Here between you and me
Every day

Chorus

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL *(sung twice; please join in!)*

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
choral 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

Sonata Hob XVI: 9 Scherzo in F Major

Joseph Haydn (1732 – 1809)

Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

There are activity pages and Sermon Bingo cards in the children's pew (a box pew in the front right of the sanctuary). If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit, cross through the chapel, and go through the first set of doors. The nursery is on your left before the glass doors and the stairs. If you'd like to stay in the service, Sarah and Morgen Cooleybeck are seated in the children's pew (look for Morgen's teal-colored hair!), and will very happily take your littles to play in the nursery!

February Share the Plate: Renewal House in Boston

Since 1980, 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 shelters in the state to provide shelter for 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 works closely with other programs that serve the Queer communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities, to support these underserved populations.

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 and job training, and community outreach education. For more information, please visit www.uuum.org. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Lucy Humphrey*

Candles Chaplain, *Arthur Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*

Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*

Worship Coordinator, *John O'Connor*

Assistant Treasurers, *Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder*