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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

PRELUDE

I'm Just A... *Yiruma* (b. 1978)

Don't Be Afraid *Seokjoo Hyun*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Fred Small (he/him)

Arlington Street Community Minister for Climate Justice

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Be Like the Bird text: *Victor Hugo* (1802–1885)

music: *Abbie Betinis* (b. 1980)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

Be like the bird that,
Pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight,
Feels them give way beneath her – and sings –
Knowing she hath wings.

GREETINGS Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), Worship Coordinator

***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

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got peace like a river in my soul

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

I will sing you a song no one sang to me
May it keep you good company

You can be anybody you want to be
You can love whomever you will
You can travel any country where your heart leads
And know I will love you still
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around
You can choose one special one
And the only measure of your words and your deeds
Will be the love you leave behind when you're done

Some children grow up strong and bold
While some are quiet and kind
Some race on ahead, some take it slow
Some go in their own way and time
Some women love women, some men love men
Some leave every label behind
You can dream all the day never reaching the end
Of everything possible you'll find

Don't be rattled by names, by taunts, by games
But seek out spirits true
If you give your friends the best part of yourself
They will give the same back to you
You can be anybody you want to be
You can love whomever you will
You can travel any country where your heart leads
And know I will love you still

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SERMON

Be Not Afraid Rev. Fred Small

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

I Will Be Earth text: *May Swenson* (1913–1989)
music: *Gwyneth Walker* (b. 1947)

I will be earth, you be the flower,
You have found my root, you are the rain,
I will be boat, and you the rower.
You rock me and toss me, you are the sea.

How be steady earth that is now a flood.
The root is the oar afloat where has blown our bud.
We will be desert, pure salt the seed.
Burn radiant love, born scorpion need.

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.



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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!

**MARCH SHARE THE PLATE: STANDING TOGETHER - OMDIM
BEYACHAD-NAQIF MA'AN**

Standing Together is comprised of Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel who, in their own words, are “fighting for the soul and humanity of our society and for freedom and peace for all. Our future here is shared, and in order to guarantee a life here for all of us, we must do it together.... The harsh reality is that decades of [the current policies] have not made anyone any safer — not Jews, and not Palestinians. It is crucial that our society begins to understand that the only way to achieve security is through peace — and as long as we aren’t working toward that, nobody will ever have security.” After the October 7th attacks, they wrote: “Prolonged war = Palestinians in Gaza continue to die; Israeli hostages’ lives are put at risk. Ceasefire agreement and hostage release deal = Save innocent lives in Gaza; hostages return home alive. It’s actually that simple. It’s either both of us or neither of us.”

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OFFERTORY

Don't Be Afraid *Alex Wong* (b. 1974) & *Amber Rubarth* (b. 1982)
from *The Paper Raincoat*

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals
Rev. Joanna Lubkin (she/her), vocals

Don't be afraid of what you want
Still staring at the skyline from the riverfront
Buildings like mirrors reflect back on us
Don't be afraid of what you want

Don't be afraid to start a fight
You'll never see them swinging at you from behind
Here let me see that, come into the light
Don't be afraid to start a fight

If you cross your fingers, ghosts will pass right through
From across the river, I'll watch over you

Don't be afraid of what you are
The beauty's in the contrast of your clashing parts
Stars shine the brightest when everything goes dark

Don't be afraid of what you are

If you cross your fingers, ghosts will pass right through
And across the river, I will wait for you

So call it out, find the sound
The world is waiting
Then I'll be here
In the glare of sunlight fading out

If you try to hide it, it only weighs you down
Let the light surround it, exposing all you've found

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1002

Comfort Me *Mimi Bornstein-Doble* (b. 1964)

Comfort me, comfort me,
Comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me,
Comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me...
Breathe with me...
Dance with me...
Comfort me...

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



This morning, we'll be singing *Everything Possible*, Rev. Fred Small's classic lullaby of unconditional love and inclusion. A beautiful picture book edition of Fred's song will be available for sale after the service. It's a wonderful gift for the children and former children in your life, and Fred will be glad to inscribe your copy. If you're joining via Zoom, you can find *Everything Possible* at your local bookstore or online at <https://nosycrow.us/product/everything-possible>.