

# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

*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**

10 Pieces from *Romeo and Juliet*, Op. 75 .... *Sergei Prokofiev* (1891 - 1953)

VII. Friar Lawrence

X. Romeo and Juliet Before Parting

Kelly Lenahan, piano

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Hymn 38** Morning Has Broken

Julie Metcalf, violin

1 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!

2 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 God's feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

## **WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS**

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

## **\*HYMN 131**

Love will Guide Us ..... text and music: *Sally Rogers*

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
Hope inside us, will lead the way  
On the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.

2. If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot speak before thousands,  
You can give from deep within you.  
You can change the world with your love.

3. You are like no other being.  
What you can give, no other can give  
To the future of our children  
To the future of the world where we live.

4. Hear the song of hope within you  
Heed the song of peace in your heart  
Spring's beginning shall lead to the harvest  
Love will guide us on our way.

5. Love will guide us...

## **NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY**

**Responsive Reading #442, We Bid You Welcome**

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun ..... *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)  
from *A Very Cellular Song* .... arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time\_ sun shine up - on\_ you,  
All\_\_\_\_\_ love sur - round you, And the pure\_\_\_\_\_  
light with - in\_ you guide\_\_\_\_\_ your way  
on, guide\_\_\_\_\_ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to leave  
with Rev. Dave Egan!*

## 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.

## \*HYMN 299

Make Channels for the Streams of Love

1 Make channels for the streams of love where they may broadly run;  
and love has overflowing streams to fill them every one.

2 But if at any time we cease such channels to provide, the very founts  
of love for us will soon be parched and dried.

3 For we must share, if we would keep this gift all else above; we cease  
to give, we cease to have--such is the law of love.

## SERMON

Do Small Things With Great Love ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Prepare the Hymn ..... text: *Psalm 81* and *John Milton* (1608 - 1674)  
from *An Occasional Oratorio* music: *G.F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)

John Bitsas, baritone

Prepare the hymn, prepare the song,  
The timbrel hither bring,  
The cheerful psaltry bring along,  
And harp with pleasant string.

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 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 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

Follow the Heron ..... *Karine Polwart* (b. 1970)

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

The back of the winter is broken  
And light lingers long by the door  
The seeds of the summer have spoken  
In gowans that bloom on the shore

By night and day we'll sport and we'll play  
And delight as the dawn dances over the bay  
Sleep blows the breath of the morning away  
And we follow the heron home

In darkness we cradled our sorrow  
And stoked all our fires with fear  
These bones that lie empty and hollow  
Are ready for gladness to cheer

Long may you sing of the salmon  
And the snow-scented sound of your home  
While the north wind delivers its sermon  
Of ice and salt water and stone

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

**\*HYMN**

Simple Faith ..... *Mustard's Retreat*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

*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  
'Cause your people are my people  
Your people are mine  
Your people are my people  
Your divine, my divine

**POSTLUDE**

10 Pieces from *Romeo and Juliet*, Op. 75 ... *Sergei Prokofiev* (1891 - 1953)

III. Minuet

Kelly Lenahan, piano

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## Today in Family Ministry

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Today, after the Children's Blessing, Rev. Dave and our children will gather in the Perkins Room for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Then they will continue our exploration of the Hebrew Bible, with the story from Exodus of the Hebrews fleeing the oppressive Pharaoh to gain their freedom. The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy the nursery/playroom. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure!

Following the service, the Coming of Age Group will meet with Rev. Dave and Rev. Liz this Sunday from 12:30-2:00 pm in the Program Room.

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### **March Share the Plate: Rise Against Hunger**

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For the sixth year in a row, we are teaming up with Rise Against Hunger to advance their powerful mission of eradicating world hunger by 2030!

On the afternoon of May 5th, we are transforming the Parish Hall into an all-ages assembly line. In just a few hours, we will package rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins into an astonishing 20,088 meals. To be successful, this event requires our participation in packing the meals as well as a significant financial investment. Please give generously to ensure that we can meet our goal of sending love and nourishment to some of the world's most vulnerable people. *Thank you for your generosity!*

#### **Service is Our Gift**

Candles Coordinator, *Caroline Miranda*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Tom Anderson*

Lead Usher, *Deb Vittner*

Worship Coordinator, *James Foleno*

Assistant Treasurers, *Dawn Bellamo & Reese Millican*