

**Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

**PRELUDE**

Courage of the Wind ..... *David Lanz* (b. 1950)

Whistling Away the Dark ..... *Henry Mancini* (1924 – 1994)

Cheng Cheng, piano

**WELCOME** ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

**CHALICE LIGHTING** ..... Rebecca Reid

Community Means Strength ..... *Starhawk* (b. 1951)

We are all longing to go home to some place  
we have never been—a place half-remembered and half-envisioned  
we can only catch glimpses of from time to time.

Community.

Somewhere, there are people to whom we can speak with passion  
without having the words catch in our throats.

Somewhere a circle of hands

will open to receive us, eyes will light up as we enter,

voices will celebrate with us whenever we come into our own power.

Community means strength

that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done.

Arms to hold us when we falter.

A circle of healing.

A circle of friends.

Someplace where we can be free.

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Hymn 347** Gather the Spirit ..... *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

Gather the spirit, harvest the power

Our separate fires will kindle one flame

Witness the mystery of this hour

Our trials in this light appear all the same

**Chorus**

Gather in peace, gather in thanks

Gather in sympathy now and then

Gather in hope, compassion, and strength

Gather to celebrate once again

Gather the spirit of heart and mind

Seeds for the sowing are laid in store

Nurtured in love, and conscience refined  
With body and spirit united once more

**Chorus**

Gather in peace, gather in thanks  
Gather in sympathy now and then  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength  
Gather to celebrate once again

Gather the spirit growing in all  
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun  
Winter to spring, and summer to fall  
The chorus of life resounding as one

**Chorus**

Gather in peace, gather in thanks  
Gather in sympathy now and then  
Gather in hope, compassion and strength  
Gather to celebrate once again

**GREETINGS** ..... Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

**INVOCATION**

Even Now ..... *Rev. Gretchen Haley* (b. 1975)

For all the promises we make  
We never promise  
That your heart will not break  
That your heart could be  
Brave,  
Bold  
bursting open  
And be saved  
from the ache  
That sweeps over all of life

We can only hope to bolster  
That bravery  
Quiet  
That ache  
Hope to be a community that listens your story  
Into being  
Becoming  
Whispering  
It's not the end  
Even now  
The day breaks  
For us all

So let us gather, friends  
With our restlessness  
our release  
our risk  
Grieving the pain  
Praising the good

Giving thanks  
That we dare still  
wade into the waters  
of love  
and longing

## **INTROIT**

Even Now .....text: *Rev. Gretchen Haley* (b. 1975), adapted  
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano  
Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano  
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor  
Cheng Cheng, piano

Even now  
The day breaks for us all  
Let us gather in thanks  
Giving praise for the good  
Embracing our grief  
Daring to love

Even now  
The day breaks for us all  
Even now

Moving  
And laughing  
And sighing  
And singing

And holding the silence

Even now  
The day breaks for us all  
Even now  
The day breaks...

## **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 6

Just as Long as I Have Breath ..... text: *Alicia S. Carpenter* (1930 – 1990)  
music: *Conrad Kocher* (1786 – 1872)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals  
Julie Metcalf, violin

Just as long as I have breath  
I must answer, “Yes,” to life  
Though with pain I made my way  
Still with hope I meet each day  
If they ask what I did well  
Tell them I said, “Yes,” to life

Just as long as vision lasts  
I must answer, “Yes,” to truth  
In my dream and in my dark  
Always that elusive spark  
If they ask what I did well  
Tell them I said, “Yes,” to truth

Just as long as my heart beats  
I must answer, “Yes,” to love  
Disappointment pierced me through  
Still I kept on loving you  
If they ask what I did best  
Tell them I said, “Yes,” to love

## SERMON

Spiritual Courage ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

The 23rd Psalm ..... text: *Psalms 23*, adapted by *Bobby McFerrin* (b. 1950)  
music: *Bobby McFerrin* (b. 1950)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano  
Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano  
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

The Lord is my shepherd, I have all I need  
She makes me lie down in green meadows  
Beside the still waters, She will lead

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs  
She leads me in the path of good things  
She fills my heart with songs

Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land  
There is nothing that can shake me  
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand  
She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes  
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life  
And I will live in Her house, forever, forever and ever  
Glory be to our Mother and Daughter and to the Holy of Holies  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end  
Amen

### **OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and rentals have had to be canceled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the church budget. Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them. You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up [automatic payments](#) via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer,



Liz Teixeira, ([treasurer@ascboston.org](mailto:treasurer@ascboston.org)) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

### **OFFERTORY**

Scare Away the Dark ..... *Michael David Rosenberg (b. 1984)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals  
Julie Metcalf, violin

Sing, sing at the top of your voice  
Love without fear in your heart  
Feel, feel like you still have a choice  
If we all light up we can scare away the dark

We wish our weekdays away  
Spend our weekends in bed  
Drink ourselves stupid  
And work ourselves dead  
And all just because that's what mom and dad said we should do

We should run through the forests  
We should swim in the streams  
We should laugh, we should cry  
We should love, we should dream  
We should stare at the stars and not just the screens  
You should hear what I'm saying and know what it means

To sing, sing at the top of your voice  
Love without fear in your heart  
Feel, feel like you still have a choice  
If we all light up we can scare away the dark

Well, we wish we were happier, thinner, and fitter  
We wish we weren't losers, and liars, and quitters  
We want something more, not just nasty and bitter  
We want something real not just hashtags and Twitter

It's the meaning of life and it's streamed live on YouTube  
But I bet Gangnam Style will still get more views  
We're all scared of drowning, flying, and shooters  
But we're all slowly dying in front of computers

So sing, sing at the top of your voice  
Oh, love without fear in your heart  
Can you feel, feel like you still have a choice  
If we all light up we can scare away the dark

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

### **COVENANT RENEWAL 2022: ASC #NOMATTERWHAT!**

Dr. Hirschel McGinness

### **MARCH SHARE THE PLATE: HELP FOR UKRAINIANS**

José Andrés, the beloved D.C. chef famous for feeding people in need around the world, is already in Europe with his World Central Kitchen team helping to provide “thousands of meals in Poland, Romania, and even inside Ukraine,” he wrote on Twitter. For more information, please visit [wck.org](http://wck.org).

Here's a little of the World Central Kitchen story:

“It all began in 2010, after a huge earthquake devastated Haiti....

“Food relief is not just a meal that keeps hunger away. It's a plate of hope. It tells you in your darkest hour that someone, somewhere, cares about you. This is the real meaning of comfort food....

“Since those early days, our journey has taken World Central Kitchen all over the world. We fed an island after Hurricane Maria destroyed Puerto Rico. We fed tens of millions struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic.... We were under a bridge with thousands of asylum seekers in Texas, in a demolished Kentucky town after brutal tornadoes, on the Louisiana coast when yet another enormous hurricane made landfall.



“We have traveled a long way together, with support from people just like you.”

Thank you for joining in this heroic effort to help the people of Ukraine. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**\*HYMN**

You'll Never Walk Alone ..... text: *Oscar Hammerstein II* (1895 – 1960)  
from *Carousel* music: *Richard Rodgers* (1902 – 1979)

*~ dedicated to the people of Ukraine ~*

When you walk through a storm  
Hold your head up high  
And don't be afraid of the dark.  
At the end of the storm  
Is a golden sky  
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind,  
Walk on through the rain,  
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown.  
Walk on, walk on  
With hope in your heart  
And you'll never walk alone,  
You'll never walk alone.

**BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste  
*I bow to the Divine in You.*

**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**

Crown Him with Many Crowns (Diademata) ..... *George Joe Elvey* (1816 – 1893)  
Cheng Cheng, piano



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This morning's pulpit flowers are a gift from the Richard Mattoli flower fund.  
*Thank you, Richard!*