ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

PRELUDE

Kinderszenen (Scenes from Childhood) Op. 15 Robert Schumann (1810–1856)

- I. Von fremden Ländern und Menschen (About Strange Lands and People)
- II. Kuriose Geschichte (Curious Story)
- III. Hasch-Mann (Blindman's Buff)
- IV. Bittendes Kind (Pleading Child)
- V. Glückes genug (Perfectly Contented)
- VI. Wichtige Begebenheit (Important Event)
- VII. Träumerei (Reverie)
- VIII. Am Camin (At the Fireside)
- IX. Ritter vom Steckenpferd (The Knight of the Rocking Horse)
- XI. Fürchtenmachen (Frightening)
- XIII. Der Dichter spricht (The Poet Speaks)

Yulia Yun (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Oh river, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to flow with ease again I am ready, take me in. Oh mountain, re-wild my soul
Help me let go of control
Show my heart how to
lift mine eyes again
I am ready, take me in.

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

Oh forest, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to trust this path again I am ready, take me in.

Oh vast sky, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to be spacious again I am ready, take me in. Oh sunshine, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to shine with warmth again I am ready, take me in.

Oh mama, re-wild my soul Help me let go of control Show my heart how to beat with yours again I am ready, take me in.

Marie O'Brien (she/they), Worship Coordinators

COVENANT RENEWAL ~ All In!....Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her), Executive Minister



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. There's still time to make your pledge for 2024/25 at tinyurl.com/PledgeAllIn

*HYMN 1020

We are going Heaven knows where we are going But we know within

And we will get there Heaven knows how we will get there But we know we will It will be hard, we know
And the road will be muddy and rough
But we'll get there
Heaven knows how we will get there
But we know we will

Woyaya, Woyaya... Woyaya, Woyaya...

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary John W. Thompson (b. 1950) & Randy Scruggs (1953–2018) 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 out 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

On the day we are together again
On the day we are together again
I will pull you in close like a hoop with no end
On the day we are together again

We will share the same table again We will share the same table again I'll pass you the salt, the candlelight will bend We will share the same table again

We will walk around the block hand in hand We will walk around the block hand in hand We will stop for a snack at the taco truck stand We will walk around the block hand in hand

Someday we will go back to work Someday we will go back to work May we be among people who respect our worth Someday we will go back to work

I will help the strangers I meet
I will help the strangers I meet
It is possible to get back on our feet
I will help the strangers I meet

I will write you a letter for now I will write you a letter for now

Hope is a message that survives somehow I will write you a letter for now

To the healers who keep us alive To the healers who keep us alive A toast to your courage, knowledge, and light To the healers who keep us alive

And the ones who we love who are gone And the ones who we love who are gone We remember the stories, we sing the songs For the ones who we love who are gone

And on the day we are together again
On the day we are together again
I will pull you in close like a hoop with no end
On the day we are together again

SERMON

The Spiritual Practice of Uncertainty Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Music of Living text: *Anonymous* music: *Dan Forrest* (b. 1978)

Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely Teach me to sing the words of your son I want to feel the music of living And not fear the sad songs, But from them make new songs Composed of both laughter and tears. Teach me to dance

To the sounds of your world and your people,
I want to move in rhythm with your plan;
Help me to try to follow your leading,
To risk even falling,
To rise and keep trying
For you are leading the dance.

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 <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>
- 3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
- 4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
- 5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u> 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!

MAY SHARE THE PLATE: THE LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE ~ MOTHERS DAY WALK FOR PEACE

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old 10th grader growing up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, "I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in my government. However, if things don't change, I'll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail." Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence.

That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

In 1994, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chéry, honored her son's dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims.

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a beloved, 28-year-long Boston tradition and an important fundraiser for LDBPI. The theme this year is Cultivating Cycles of Peace.

To make your gift, please visit <u>www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>; scan the QR code above; or text the amount you want to give and the word **SHARE** (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Natalia St Jean (she/her), soprano Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano Yulia Yun (she/her), piano Mark David Buckles (her/him), cajon

Take a moment to think of just Flexibility, love, and trust Take a moment to think of just Flexibility, love, and trust

Here comes a thought
That might alarm you
What someone said
And how it harmed you
Something you did
That failed to be charming
Things that you said are
Suddenly swarming

And oh, you're losing sight, you're losing touch All these little things seem to matter so much

That they confuse you That I might lose you

Take a moment, remind yourself to Take a moment and find yourself

Take a moment to ask yourself if This is how we fall apart

But it's not, but it's not, but it's not, but it's not, but it's not
It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay
You've got nothing, got nothing, got nothing, got nothing to fear
I'm here, I'm here

Here comes a thought
That might alarm me
What someone said
And how it harmed me
Something I did
That failed to be charming
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And oh, I'm losing sight,
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All these little things seem to matter
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That they confuse me That I might lose me

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But it's not, but it's not, but it's not, but it's not, but it's not
It's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay, it's okay
I've got nothing, got nothing, got nothing to fear

I'm here, I'm here, I'm here
And it was just a thought,
just a thought, just a thought,
Just a thought, just a thought
It's okay, it's okay, it's okay,
it's okay
We can watch, we can watch, we can

We can watch, we can watch, we can watch, we can watch them go by From here, from here

Take a moment to think of just Flexibility, love, and trust Take a moment to think of just Flexibility, love, and trust

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

When I find myself in times of trouble Mother Mary comes to me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be And in my hour of darkness She is standing right in front of me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the broken hearted people Living in the world agree There will be an answer, let it be For though they may be parted There is still a chance that they will see There will be an answer, let it be Let it be, let it be, let it be There will be an answer, let it be Let it be, let it be, let it be Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the night is cloudy
There is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be Whisper words of wisdom, let it be Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be There will be an answer, let it be Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be Shine until tomorrow, let it be

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

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



This Spring at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

Friday, May 17th, 12:00 pm ~ Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Marriage Equality It's been twenty years since Arlington Street hosted the first legal same-sex wedding in a church in the U.S. We're working with our friends from GLAD to host a hybrid celebration of this happy anniversary. Rev. Kim will be a featured speaker along with Goodridge plaintiffs David Wilson and Rob Compton, Former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, and Boston Red Sox EVP David Friedman. The event is free, but pre-registration is required at www.glad.org/20years.

Sunday, May 19th, 11:00 am ~ Groundbreaking Celebration

A plan is afoot for a celebration of the \$750,000 capital grant from the National Park Service in recognition of Arlington Street's role in queer history. Stay tuned!

Sunday, May 19th, 1:00 pm ~ Retirement Luncheon Honoring Rev. Kim Queen Cheryl and her team invite you to a special luncheon celebrating our beloved Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie. Join us for an afternoon of songs, stories, and gifts as we express our gratitude for the countless ways Rev. Kim has touched our lives. The luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall and will begin after the Corporation Meeting.

Saturday, June 8th, 11:00 am ~ PRIDE!

Join the fun as our annual pre-parade service kicks off Boston's Pride celebration. As always, all people of good heart are welcome!