



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2018

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Khusidelekh

Rachenitsa

Meron Nign *Traditional Klezmer*

Wandering Laughter

WELCOME

CHALICE LIGHTING Laila Ibrahim

Because we are not in church to be with people
who want to sing the same music, or rally for the same cause,
or attend the same retreats.

We are in church to learn to love better....

We disagree, we annoy, we flake out on one another.

And we worship, we support, we hold, and we affirm one another..

This is really only one choice:

between imperfect community and no community.

Again and again, we are all called to choose to commit ourselves
to building a more just, more diverse,
and yet ever messy and imperfect beloved community.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

*HYMN

I'm So Glad I'm Here *Bessie Jones (1902 - 1984)*

I'm so glad I'm here

So glad I'm here

So glad I'm here, here today

So glad I'm here

You know, I'm so glad I'm here

So glad I'm here, here today

I'm gonna sing while I'm here

Sing while I'm here

Sing while I'm here, here today

Sing while I'm here

I'm gonna sing while I'm here

Sing while I'm here, here today

You know, love brought me here

Love brought me here

Love brought me here, here today

Love brought me here

You know, love brought me here

Love brought me here, here today

And joy brought me here

Joy brought me here

Joy brought me here, here today

Joy brought me here

You know joy brought me here

Joy brought me here, here today

I'm so glad I'm here

So glad I'm here

So glad I'm here, here today

So glad I'm here

You know, I'm so glad I'm here

So glad I'm here, here today

I'm so glad I'm here, here today

I'm so glad I'm here, here today

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on “Worship.”

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *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 108

My Life Flows On

1 My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

2 What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

3 When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing! To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging; when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

SERMON

Beginning Again *Barbara Seidl*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Brave *Sara Bareilles (b. 1979) and Jack Antonoff (b. 1984)*
Gloriv Arroyo, mezzo sporano

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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 or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*



OFFERTORY

Drawing the Known Universe *Taiward Wider* (b. 1995)
 Garfield’s Blackberry Blossom *Traditional American Tune*
 Wandering Laughter

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN**

Chico Gospel *Karisha Longaker*

There was a time I believed
 Life was over for me
 There was time I believed
 My life was over
 I feel strong today
 Thanks to your help
 I’ll find my way and
 I too will lend you a hand
 When you need one

Chorus
Sometimes I get so down
I feel like this is the end
Like there’s no way in hell
I can get over this mountain
The sun has come out
Beyond the shadow of my doubt
I am walking on this earth
Stronger than ever

There was a time I believed
 There’d be no love for me
 There was time I believed
 I’d get no lovin’
 I feel love today
 Thanks to your help

I’ll find my way and
 I too will lend you a hand
 When you need one

Chorus
 There was a time I believed
 There’d be no money for me
 There was a time I believed
 There’d be no money
 I feel rich today
 Thanks to your help
 I’ll find my way and
 I too will lend you a hand
 When you need one

Chorus
 There was a time I believed
 There’d be no peace for me
 There was a time I believed
 There’d be no peace
 I feel peace today
 Thanks to your help
 I’ll find my way and
 I too will lend you a hand
 When you need one

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

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

Where You 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

Nakht in Gan Eydn (A Night in the Garden of Eden)
Harry Kandel (1885 - 1943)
 Wandering Laughter

INSIDE E

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2018

All Are Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning for worship!

This morning, we invite you to:

- * Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
- * Join us for coffee and a light lunch in the Parish Hall;
- * Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
- * Please come back again soon!



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Barbara Seidl is honored to be invited back for her eighth summer in the ASC pulpit. A founding member of both Arlington Street's Transformation Team for Racial Justice and the Lucy Stone Unitarian Universalist Housing Cooperative in Roxbury, Barb has vast experience stumbling over her own efforts to perfect the world. She regains her balance by finding stories about folks who keep on keeping on.



SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH

Challenge Accepted Melissa Dlugolecki

Challenge, adversity and loss are all unwelcomed encounters but unfortunately, inevitable. But by becoming clear on our measures of success, building our teams and opening our minds and hearts to the possibility of growth and joy throughout the discomfort we can transform to challenge avoided to challenge accepted.

Melissa Dlugolecki is a member of the Arlington Street Worship Committee. She is mother of late daughter Leyden Saige Cournoyer, who lost her life at Boston Children's Hospital in 2014. Melissa is passionate about spreading Leyden's light to positively impact others and support them through their own life challenges and adversities. She is the founder of life-coaching business, Thrive and co-founder of women's health, fitness and gut-health coaching, called MOVE. Melissa is a yoga instructor and runs the Boston Marathon for Boston Children's Hospital each year.

SUMMER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



SUMMERTIME AT ARLINGTON STREET

The program staff and the Arlington Street Choir are away for the summer, but will be back for worship on September 9th. Today and every Sunday through Labor Day, we are grateful to our

musicians, our preachers, the volunteer team, and Ali Jablonski, our Summer Student Minister, for this beautiful worship service!

Next to the Hunnewell Chapel, there is a nursery for restless babies and their caregivers. This space offers a rocking chair, changing table with supplies, and a live audio feed of the service.

Should you need a minister over the summer, please call the church office at 617-536-7050. The admin staff is always here for you; Jeffrey, and Brad are glad to help! Happy summer, one and all!

During summer the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar." Jeff Bouchard, our facilities manager, keeps it current.



COFFEE HOUR

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, light lunch, & community!



TRANSFORMATION TEAM FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, June 19th, 7:00 pm–8:30 PM, Frothingham Library

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice works to support and foster anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multicultural practice across all committees and all aspects of church life. Come to this meeting to learn more about this work and to plan for the next church year. If you have suggestions, questions, comments, or concerns for the Team, please email transformation@ascboston.org.



KUNDALINI YOGA CLASS

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!



UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

Sunday, June 24th ~ 12:30 - 1:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing an antiracist worldview. We hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information, email transformation@ascboston.org.



BETHEL'S COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 30th ~ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 177 Harvard St., Dorchester

Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle Church, a Fund-A-Need partner of Arlington Street Church, holds a Carnival each June to provide fun and resources for their neighborhood. They invite us to help them do this work. If you are interested in volunteering, for any amount of time, please email office@ascboston.org or talk to Laura Pattison or Queen Cheryl.

June Share the Plate: Summer Camp

Each summer, our own Rev. George Whitehouse, Minister at Large, works with Hawthorne Youth and Community Center and Healthy Boston to get kids and youth off the city streets and into the woods. Our gifts today will be directed to support their life-changing work. *Thank you for your generosity!*