



**ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH**
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2017

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Tyler Turner, organ

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into the Circle of Caring Rev. Richard Gilbert

CHALICE LIGHTING

Summer Warmth

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

***HYMN 346**

Gather the Spirit

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 301**

Touch the Earth Reach the Sky

SERMON

Begin Again Rev. Vera O'Brien

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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

Down to the River to Pray *Traditional American*
Tyler Truner, organ

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 6**

Just as Long as I Have Breath

***BENEDICTION**

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

text: *Charles Wesley* (1707 – 1788)

Tyler Turner, organ

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2017

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

Rev. Vera O'Brien is an interfaith chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She co-leads a group of volunteers and participates in training both chaplains and physicians. Rev. Vera is one of our Affiliated Community Ministers and our former Lifespan Educator. She is a proud graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School (a UU seminary) and was joyfully ordained at ASC in 2007.



SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Awesomely, Wondrously Made Rev. Joanna Lubkin

What might our relationship with our bodies and each other be like if we start from the premise that we are each “awesomely and wondrously made?” (Psalm 139) Rev. Jo will invite us to reflect on awe, wonder, inherent worth, and the gifts we're here to give the world.

Rev. Joanna Lubkin is an Affiliated Community Minister here at Arlington Street Church and serves as the Unitarian Universalist Chaplain at Wellesley College. She studied at Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College Rabbinical School. Joanna sings in the Arlington Street Church choir and at The Sanctuary Boston.

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 10th. Today and every Sunday through Labor Day, we are grateful to our musicians, our preacher, the volunteer team, and Jaimie Dingus, 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!



WE NEED YOUR SMILING FACE!

The Arlington Street Church Visitor Center is now open for our second season of tours! Please consider joining in this effort by volunteering to serve as a Visitor Center greeter. The job is easy and fun – you will meet people from across the globe and join in their delight as they discover our dazzling church home for the first time. Sign up for a weekday or a Saturday shift or start as an ad-hoc volunteer – all levels of commitment are welcome! Learn more by contacting Rodger Vine at rvine@ascboston.org. Thank you for helping us extend Arlington Street's prophetic welcome from Sunday morning to seven days a week!



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!



BUDDHA'S BELLY SUMMER READ

Everyone is invited to join the members of Buddha's Belly, Arlington Street's Buddhist book group, in reading Sharon Salzberg's *Real Love: The Art of Mindful Connection*. Sharon is a beloved teacher and the co-founder of Insight Meditation Society in Barre, Massachusetts. *Real Love* is a creative tool kit of mindfulness exercises and meditation techniques to help deepen our capacity to love and be loved. From 6:00-7:00 on Tuesday evening, September 12th, we'll gather in the Hunnewell Chapel to discuss *Real Love*. All are welcome!



INTERSECTIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, September 18th ~ 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the third in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading *Beyond Ramps: Disability at the End of the Social Contract* by Marta Russell. All are welcome!



3 CONCERTS BY BOSTON CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Starting Saturday, September 23rd ~ 11:30 AM, Sanctuary

Welcome to *Morning Light*. Gaby Whitehouse, BCMS board member, invites you to come listen to the magnificent BCMS on Saturdays September 23, November 11, and March 10 in our beautiful sanctuary. It's time Boston caught up with European cities, like Prague and Amsterdam, where morning concerts in churches are a wonderful part of daily life. Tickets are \$30 before September 1, and \$35 thereafter, but for ASC members and friends there's a 50% discount! For tickets, please visit www.bostonchambermusic.org or call Wen Huang at 617-349-0086. For more information, contact Gaby at gabygeo@gwcats.com.

Share the Plate

Each Sunday between September and June, we shared the offering plate with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. This year's Share the Plate recipients include:

Beyond the 11th, *which supports widows of terrorism in Afghanistan.*

Into the Woods, *a weekend of camping in Vermont for kids from Dorchester and Roxbury.*

PetPals, *cat and dog volunteers who, along with their human companions, visit elderly residents in long-term care facilities.*

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, *to support their work to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline.*

The Haitian Coalition, *to support Hurricane Matthew Relief Drive for People in Haiti.*

Friday Night Supper Program, *feeding our neighbors who are hungry and homeless.*

Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church in Dorchester, *for their holiday outreach.*

Stop Hunger Now/Rise Against Hunger *to package 20,000 meals*

Renewal House, *providing shelter and services for people escaping domestic violence.*

Only a Child, *a home, carpentry shop, and venue for education for street kids in Guatemala.*

Boston Marathon Charity Runners for Team Hoyt and Team Leyden, *supporting The Hoyt Foundation and Boston Children's Hospital.*

Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, *the anti-gang violence organization in Boston.*

Camperships *to help get kids and youth off the city streets and into the word at camps sponsored by Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries (Fresh Air Camps), Into the Woods (Arlington Street Church), and Lend a Hand Society, and*

The Katie Tyson Fund *for Youth and Young Adult Ministries*

Thank you for your Generosity!