



Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 2023

PRELUDE

Andrew Stack, Baritone

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

Rev. John C. Gibbons

GREETINGS Rebecca Reid, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 12**

O Life That Maketh All Things New.....words: *Samuel Longfellow* (1819-1892)
music: *Thomas Longfellow's Psalmodia Evangelica* (1789)

O Life that maketh all things new, the blooming earth, our thoughts within,
our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew, in gladless hither turn again.

From hand to hand the greeting flows, from eye to eye the signals run,
from heart to heart the bright hope glows, the seekers of the light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth, one in the joy of paths untrod,
one in the soul's perennial youth, one in the larger thought of God;

The freer step, the fuller breath, the wide horizon's grander view,
the sense of life that knows no death, the Life that maketh all things new.

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 on our website. 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 123**

Spirit of Life.....by: *Carolyn McDade* (1935-)

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

SERMON

If These Walls Could Talk: Stories from the Seventies at ASC.....Rev. John C. Gibbons

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Eve Lauria, Soprano

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 tinyurl.com/GiveASC
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on [Venmo](#) (Charities)
4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church
351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

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

SUMMER SHARE THE PLATE

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Since September, we have given generously to many causes about which we are passionate, including NEADS Service Dogs; Gay for Good, the Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center and The Memory Project (support for refugee families arriving from Afghanistan); and World Central Kitchen (feeding Ukrainian refugees). During the Summer months, our Share the Plate offerings are saved to use for future local emergencies and to help in rescue and rebuilding efforts following natural (and unnatural) disasters around the world. In 2017, we were able to make a significant gift in the wake of a 10-alarm fire in East Cambridge that displaced over 100 residents just weeks before Christmas. This past September, we supported Louisiana's Lowlander Center's Hurricane Ida relief, doubling our impact with gifts from the summer Share the Plate.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; 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

Eve Lauria, Soprano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 121

We'll Build a Landwords: *Barbara Zanotti (Isaiah/Amos)*
music: *Carolyn McDade (1935-)*

We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

Chorus

Come build a land where sisters and brothers, anointed by God,
may then create peace: where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.

We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings to
all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.

Chorus

Come build a land where sisters and brothers, anointed by God,
may then create peace: where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.

We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.

Chorus

Come build a land where sisters and brothers, anointed by God,
may then create peace: where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.

Come, build a land where the mantles of praises resound from
spirits once faint and once weak;
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people.
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.

Chorus

Come build a land where sisters and brothers, anointed by God,
may then create peace: where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

Andrew Stack, Baritone

Flowers on the High Pulpit

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love.

You can have flowers delivered or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space).

Please email our congregational administrator, Jess (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org), to claim your date! *Thank you!*