

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 2022

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Andrew Stack, piano

WELCOME Hirschel McGinnis

CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS Art Nava, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN**

We Shall Be Known *Karisha Longaker* (b. 1976)

Hannah Shanefield, vocals

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth
It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love
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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 112**

Do You Hear? text: *Emily L. Thorn* (1915 – 2004)
music: William Caldwell's *Union Harmony* (1837)

Hannah Shanefield, vocals

Do you hear, oh my friend, in the place where you stand,
Through the sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear?
In the heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main,
In the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?

Through the roar, through the rush, through the throng,
through the crush,
Do you hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul?
Hear the cry fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will,
Hear a sigh's startling trill in your soul, in your soul?

From the place where you stand to the outermost strand,
Do you hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear?
All the dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers –
They are yours, mine, and theirs – do you hear, do you hear?

SERMON

Nice Thing: Seeking the Holy (Wholly) through Hope & Solidarity
Hirschel McGinnis

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. At the top of the pandemic, we shut down the sanctuary and committed to continue to pay our staff ... with no idea when we might reopen. Without missing a beat, our Tech Team pivoted to a virtual format — and so did we all. As the virus raged, we nourished a dream of the day when we might once again reopen the Great Doors and made wildly expensive upgrades to our sound system, purchased technology to support a hybrid service format, and readily agreed to make it available to the community partners who share our mission and this beautiful space. And all the while, Arlington Street members and friends have given with open, grateful hands.

Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street’s pandemic story — a story of devotion, innovation, and transformational generosity. To make your gift, please scan the QR code; visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509. If you’re ready to give regularly, Liz Teixeira (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be delighted to assist you with setting up automatic payments. We are so grateful! *Thank you!*



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. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

The Water is Wide *Traditional*

Andrew Stack, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 1008**

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place text and music: *Joyce Poley* (b. 1941)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Hannah Shanefield, vocals

When our heart is in a holy place
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love
And amazing grace
When our heart is in a holy place

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
Every color, every creed and kind,
And we see our faces in each other’s eyes,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

When we tell our story from deep inside,
And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

When we share the silence of sacred space,
And the G*d of our Heart stirs within,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place.

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)

Hannah Shanefield, vocals
Andrew Stack, piano

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

Improvisation

Andrew Stack, piano



* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G*d's name.