



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 2018

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

God Bless the Child

Arthur Herzog, Jr. (1900 - 1983), Billie Holiday (1915 - 1959)

Meeting Across the River *Bruce Springsteen (b. 1949)*

Ode to My Family

Dolores O'Riordan (1971 - 2018), Noel Hogan (b. 1971)

Daniel Padgett, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 188**

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Come, come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. Ours is no caravan of despair. Come, yet again come.

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 360**

Here We Have Gathered

1 Here we have gathered, gathered side by side; circle of kinship, come and step inside! May all who seek here find a kindly word; may all who speak here feel they have been heard. Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

2 Here we have gathered, called to celebrate days of our lifetime, matters small and great: we of all ages, women, children, men, infants and sages, sharing what we can. Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

3 Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret: but in the shadows, let us not forget: we who now gather know each other's pain; kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain. Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

SERMON

Every Wild and Precious Child Erica Rose Long

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

Frühlingsglaube *Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)*
Daniel Padgett, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

INSIDE E

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5TH, 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

Erica Rose Long is the assistant to the Family Ministry Program at Arlington Street Church. She also serves as a chaplain at Massachusetts General Hospital, working primarily on the inpatient psychiatry floor. Erica will be ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister by Arlington Street Church on Sunday, October 7th.



SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 12TH

The Obstacle Is the Way Tina Rose

We all share a very specific and increasingly urgent goal: overcoming obstacles. Mental obstacles. Physical obstacles. Emotional obstacles. Perceived obstacles. Based on a book with the same name, this sermon will teach you how to overcome obstacles using a fluid and interconnected discipline with three critical steps: Perception, Action, and Will.

Tina Rose first came to Arlington Street for Pride Day in 2011 and she's never looked back. Since becoming a church member in 2013, she has been involved in many activities from serving on the Ministerial Intern Committee, Prudential Committee (two years as Chair), Indulge (our annual gala), and washing dishes after services (a ministry). Since semi-retiring in 2017, Tina enjoys travel adventures, welcoming new people, riding her bike to raise money for great causes, thrifting for fashion bargains, playing soccer, baking, reading, movies, and music.

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 congregational administrator/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!



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!



SUMMER READING

Buddha's Belly: Arlington Street's Buddhist book group is reading Chögyam Trungpa's *Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior*. All are welcome to join in the discussion on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm.

Intersectional Book Group: Join Rev. Kim for the eighth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. Our next book is *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, by Asha Bandele and Patrisse Cullors. We'll meet to discuss it on Monday, September 17th at 5:30 pm.



VISITORS CENTER IS OPEN FOR TOURS!

Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM and Monday through Saturday from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM (closed Tuesdays)

Greeters Needed This Summer!

Do you want to meet people from all over the world? Would you enjoy sharing the beauty of our Tiffany Windows with others? If so, consider becoming a volunteer greeter with our Visitors Center! Greeters serve as friendly faces at the Arlington Street entrance, welcoming visitors and receiving donations. No experience is necessary, and scheduling is flexible! If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact Alissa Butler at abutler@ascboston.org.



ARLINGTON STREET'S LITERARY SALON, THE WEDNESDAYS: OVID

Wednesdays, September 19th, October 3rd, & 17th ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM
The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave.

Ovid's "*Metamorphoses*" is one of the most influential works in Western culture, having inspired Dante, Boccaccio, Chaucer, and Shakespeare among countless others. In fact, "*Metamorphoses*" was Shakespeare's favorite book (he read it in Latin), and it's easy to see why. The stories it contains are endlessly fascinating: Zeus transformed into a shower of gold to ravish Danae, Tiresias turned

into a woman and then back into a man, Orpheus torn to shreds by furious Maenads. It runs from the creation of the world to the death of Julius Caesar, containing over 250 narratives in 15 books. Join Rev. Kim and Professor Alan for three sessions and discover why this is one of the most beloved works in all of world literature. We'll be reading the Rolfe Humphries translation published by Indiana University Press. Amazon has many new copies from \$5.00, & you can find used copies even cheaper. *All are welcome!*



MORNING LIGHT CONCERT SERIES RETURNS THIS FALL!

Saturdays, September 22nd, October 20th, November 10th ~
11:30 AM, Sanctuary

Back by popular demand: the wonderful Boston Chamber Music Society! Last season, our audiences included local fans and visitors from all over the world who made a concert at Arlington Street a highlight of their weekend in Boston. We take it for granted that we can see the light coming through our magnificent stained glass windows every Sunday. Now let's share the experience with chamber music lovers! Tickets: Arlington Street members receive a 20% discount off the ticket price (tickets are \$29, if purchased before September 9, and \$34 afterwards). Enter discount code "ASC20" during check out when ordering from www.bostonchambermusic.org, or call the BCMS office at 617.349.0086.



SHARE YOUR WEDDING PICTURES WITH US!

Did you get married at Arlington Street Church? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We're launching a new weddings website to increase bookings and would love to share your pictures and stories. If you'd like to help, please contact Alissa at abutler@ascboston.org.



ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

During last winter's Open Space gathering and the recent Next Steps leadership weekend, Arlington Street members and friends expressed hopes and dreams for this beloved spiritual community. The Pru is now in the process of drafting a vision statement – an aspirational statement of who we want to be in the next five years. Here is the first pass:

- A welcoming sanctuary
- An historic destination for arts and culture
- A hub for progressive values and transformation

Do we have it right? We would love to hear from you! Please speak to any of us (Pru members are listed on the back of the Order of Service) or e-mail us at Prudential@ASCBoston.org. Thank you!

Share the Plate

Each Sunday between September and June, we share the offering plate with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. This past church year's Share the Plate recipients included: AIDS Action Committee, Best Friends Animal Society, Black Lives Matter Boston, the Boston Marathon Charity Runners, Friday Night Supper Program, Hurricanes Harvey and Maria Relief Fund, Into the Woods, Karam Foundation Syrian Refugee Project, the LGBT Asylum Task Force, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Only a Child, Renewal House, and Rise Against Hunger.