



Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023

INGATHERING SUNDAY

This morning's flowers on the high pulpit
are a gift of Betsy Shearer
and the Arlington Street Church Choir
in memory of their beloved friend and choir member,
Jeanne Monaghan

PRELUDE

One to Every Soul and Nation *Thomas John Williams* (1819 - 1891)

arrangement: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)

The Old Rugged Cross *George Bennard* (1873 - 1958)

arrangement: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)

Young Woong Cho, piano

WELCOME, LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT,

AND CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

HYMN 91

Morning Has Come..... text and music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n
Wonder fills this moment shared together
The light of peace here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

Open our eyes to see that life abounds
Open hearts to welcome it among us
The light of love here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

GREETINGS Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

***HYMN 155**

Circle 'Round for Freedom.....*Linda Hirschhorn* (b. 1947)

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

Circle 'round for freedom
Circle 'round for peace
For all of us imprisoned
Circle for release

Circle for the planet
Circle for each soul
For the children of our children
Keep the circle whole

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953 - 2018)

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 at ASCBoston.org.
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**

Spirit, Make Us One text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

We proclaim a saving message, as in times of old
History give us courage; make us bold
There is healing, there is hope for every hurting soul
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole

Make us bold, make us bold
History give us courage; make us bold
Make us whole, make us whole
Spirit, give us comfort; make us whole

Earth, receive our heart's thanksgiving, under open skies
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise
We are here for one another, in good times and bad
Spirit, give us laughter; make us glad

Make us wise, make us wise
Nature, bless our yearning; make us wise
Make us glad, make us glad
Spirit, give us laughter; make us glad

Still let justice be the saving struggle we pursue
Conscience, give us honor; make us true
We bear witness to the promised future now begun
Spirit, bless our journey; make us one

Make us true, make us true
Conscience, give us honor; make us true
Make us one, make us one
Spirit, bless our journey; make us one

SERMON

Rwanda's Umuganda Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

This time is an invitation to share - in a word or two - the gifts of the spirit you bring to this new church year (e.g., enthusiasm, kindness). The incarnate congregation is invited to write yours on the card you received as you arrived this morning. Zoomers are encouraged to write your gifts in the chat! Rev. Kim and Rev. Beth will be reading them from the pulpit as a blessing on this beloved spiritual community.

ANTHEM

Coming Together..... *Jason Robert Brown* (b. 1970)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano; Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano
Sam LaGrego, tenor; Andrew Stack, baritone

Come to the water, the water will flow
Stand to the night, see the light, let it grow
Hold on for the hard winds are starting to blow
Stand Up! Hold On! And swear you won't let go
Whatever I said doesn't matter
Whatever you said doesn't hurt

Whatever we meant and whatever we did
Is lost in the water

Whatever I felt I've forgotten
Whatever I planned I released
But come take my hand
Come down to the water
Come down to the water

Where people are coming together
And people are falling apart
And no one can hide
We're caught in the tide
And punched in the heart

People are harder than diamonds
And people are stronger than knives
We breathe and we burn
But we'll never return
For the rest of our lives
For the rest of our lives

Where people are coming together
And people are falling apart
We're branded and blind
And we try to rewind
To reset and restart

People are louder than fire
And people are stronger than knives
We'll pick up the slack
But we'll never go back
For the rest of our lives
For the rest of our lives

People are coming together
People are coming together
People are coming together
All across the water!

Come to the water, the water will flow
Stand to the night, see the light, let it grow
Hold on for the hard winds are starting to blow
Stand Up! Hold On! And swear you won't let go

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 www.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!

SHARE THE PLATE: DEBORAH AND ABIGAEI

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.

In this morning's sermon, you will hear an update on Deborah and Abigael, young sisters who fled violence in the Congo and were befriended by our own Barb Seidl (who works with their father). They have been living as undocumented political asylees in South Africa, unable to leave their apartment for fear of risking arrest and deportation. This morning's Share the Plate will go to food and other necessities; Barbara invites us to continue to partner with her in getting to know them and providing them moral support, as well. For more information about how you can help, please contact Rev. Kim at office@ASCBoston.org.

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

Blessed Unrest *Zo Tobi* (b. 1985)

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Oh I am waking up to find my world
Between the dying and being reborn
I see what is and I see what could be
Can't close my eyes again and go back to sleep

Fill my days with blessed unrest
And my nights with dreams of justice

Make me a vessel for the turning of the tide

How can I change our course, just a lonely voice?
Wish I could lose myself in all the noise
But if we all would rise, a generation proud
Then with a mighty song, we turn this world around...

Fill my days with blessed unrest
And my nights with dreams of justice
Make me a vessel for the turning of the tide

Fill my days with blessed unrest
And my nights with dreams of justice
Make me a vessel for the turning of the tide

Ancestors all behind
And before me every child
I bring the power of a long unbroken line

So when our time is through, I want to know
We did what we came to do for the Future Ones
So in our darkest days, may we all be strong
And give our lives so life may go on

Fill my days with blessed unrest
And my nights with dreams of justice
Make me a vessel

Fill my days with blessed unrest
And my nights with dreams of justice
Make me a vessel for the turning of the tide

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Try a Little Kindness..... *Curt Sapaugh* (1931 - 2002) & *Bobby Austin* (1933 - 2002)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin

If you see your sibling standing by the road
With a heavy load from the seeds they sowed
And if you see your kindred falling by the way
Just stop and say, "You're going the wrong way"

You've got to try a little kindness
Show a little kindness
Shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness

Of narrow-minded people on their narrow-minded streets

Don't walk around the down and out
Lend a helping hand instead of doubt
And the kindness that you show every day
Will help someone along their way

You've got to try a little kindness
Show a little kindness
Shine your light for everyone to see
And if you try a little kindness
Then you'll overlook the blindness
Of narrow-minded people on their narrow-minded streets

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness *William M. Runyan* (1870 - 1957)
arrangement: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)

Young Woong Cho, piano