



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2023

SHANAH TOVAH: HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH!

PRELUDE

As the Deer *Martin Z. Nystrom* (b. 1956)

arrangement: *Roks Piano*

It Is Well With My Soul *Philip P. Bliss* (1838 – 1876)

arrangement: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)

Young Woong Cho, piano

WELCOME, LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Ali Jablonsky, Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Barechu text: *Traditional Jewish Call to Prayer*

music: *Solomone Rossi* (c. 1570 – 1630)

GREETINGS Rebecca Reid & kel alford, Worship Coordinators

***HYMN 346**

Come, Sing a Song with Me text & music: *Carolyn McDade* (b. 1935)

harmonization: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Come, sing a song with me
Come, sing a song with me
Come, sing a song with me
That I might know your mind

Chorus

And I'll bring you hope
When hope is hard to find
And I'll bring a song of love
And a rose in the wintertime

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

Come, dream a dream with me
Come, dream a dream with me
Come, dream a dream with me
That I might know your mind

Chorus

And I'll bring you hope
When hope is hard to find
And I'll bring a song of love
And a rose in the wintertime

Come, walk in rain with me
Come, walk in rain with me
Come, walk in rain with me
That I might know your mind

Chorus

And I'll bring you hope
When hope is hard to find
And I'll bring a song of love
And a rose in the wintertime

Come, share a rose with me
Come, share a rose with me
Come, share a rose with me
That I might know your mind

Chorus

And I'll bring you hope
When hope is hard to find
And I'll bring a song of love
And a rose in the wintertime

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary*John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953 – 2018)
text 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 out truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación,
Esto servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esta es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

***HYMN 86**

Blessed Spirit of My Life *Shelly Jackson Denham* (1950– 2013)

Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife
Help me live with dignity; let me know serenity
Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion
When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me

Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me
Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need
Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition
Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy

SERMON

Ambiguous Loss Rev. Ali Jablonsky

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Enosh text: *Psalm 103:15-17*, translation adapted
music: *Louis Lewandowski* (1821 – 1894)

For our days are like grass
We flourish like a flower of the field
The wind blows over the field and the flower is gone
And no one remembers where it was
But from everlasting to everlasting
G*d's love is with all who love
and G*d's righteousness with their children's children.

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

If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting our treasurer 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: INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS, MOROCCO

Late on Friday, September 8th, a 6.8-magnitude struck a mountainous region of central Morocco, about 45 miles southwest of the historic city of Marrakech. The quake was followed by a series of powerful aftershocks. Infrastructure — including power, water, and healthcare facilities — have been extensively damaged. Almost 3,000 people have been killed, thousands have been injured, and tens of thousands have lost their homes. These numbers will increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue.

International Medical Corps is working with the World Health Organization and other partners to support urgent relief and recovery needs in Morocco. Their Advance Emergency Medical Team is currently on the ground performing an assessment, and the Emergency Medical Field Unit is standing by for deployment. International Medical Corps is prepared to respond to global disasters with supplies pre-positioned internationally, longstanding logistics partnerships, an experienced staff around the world, and a roster of volunteer healthcare specialists who are able to deploy in 48 hours. Rev. Beth's wonderful friend Holly Connor is currently serving with IMC in Kiev, Ukraine.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit 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

Glitter in the Air *Pink* (b. 1979) & *Billy Mann* (b. 1968)

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

Have you ever fed a lover with just your hands?
Close your eyes and trust it, just trust it
Have you ever thrown a fistful of glitter in the air?
Have you ever looked fear in the face
And said I just don't care?

And it's only half past the point of no return
The tip of the iceberg
The sun before the burn
The thunder before the lightning
And the breath before the phrase
Have you ever felt this way?

Have you ever hated yourself for staring at the phone?
You're whole life waiting on the ring to prove you're not alone
Have you ever been touched so gently you had to cry?
Have you ever invited a stranger to come inside?

It's only half past the point of oblivion
The hourglass on the table
The walk before the run
The breath before the kiss
And the fear before the flames
Have you ever felt this way?

There you are, sitting in the garden
Clutching my coffee
Calling me sugar
You called me sugar

Have you ever wished for an endless night?
Lassoed the moon and the stars and pulled that rope tight
Have you ever held your breath and asked yourself
Will it ever get better than tonight?

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 354

We Laugh, We Cry *Shirley Jackson Denham* (1950 – 2013)

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love
And we have found a need to be together
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive
And we believe that sharing is an answer

A child is born among us and we feel a special glow
We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow
We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild
We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love
And we have found a time to be together
And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth
And we believe that growing is an answer

Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief
The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief
But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done
The memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love
And we have found a place to be together
We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe
That peace within our living is an answer

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love
And we have found a joy being together
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see
Even to question, truly is an answer

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

Beautiful World *Traditional English Melody*
arrangement: *Youngmin Choi*

Young Woong Cho, 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.*

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 office@ASCBoston.org to claim your date! *Thank you!*