

OFFERTORY

Last Night the Rain Spoke to Me text: *Mary Oliver* (1935 - 2019)
music: *Lori Laitman* (b. 1955)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano; Andrew Altenbach, piano

Last night
the rain
spoke to me
slowly, saying,
what joy
to come falling
out of the brisk cloud,
to be happy again
in a new way
on the earth!
That's what it said
as it dropped,
smelling of iron,
and vanished
like a dream of the ocean
into the branches
and the grass below.
Then it was over.

The sky cleared.
I was standing
under a tree.
The tree was a tree
with happy leaves,
and I was myself,
and there were stars in the sky
that were also themselves
at the moment
at which moment
my right hand
was holding my left hand
which was holding the tree
which was filled with stars
and the soft rain –
imagine! imagine!
the long and wondrous journeys
still to be ours.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN**

Life Calls Us On text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***RECESSIONAL** (*sung twice; please join in!*)

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
choral 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing tune: *John Wyeth* (1770 - 1858)
arrangement/improvisation: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Mark David Buckles, organ

Service is Our Gift
Candles Coordinator, *John O'Connor*
Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Rachel Corey*
Lead Usher, *Deb Vittner*
Worship Coordinator, *Rev. Beth Robbins*
Assistant Treasurers, *Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes*

Welcome, Families!

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs.

September Share the Plate: PetPals

PetPals are canine and feline volunteers (and their human companions) who visit elderly residents in long-term care facilities. PetPals volunteers are screened, trained, and matched with one of 36 sites in metro Boston. These teams bring the "healing power of pets" to over 650 elders every week. Numerous studies have shown that pet visitation programs increase social interaction among nursing home residents, reduce agitation in Alzheimer's patients, and ease the pervasive loneliness that often occurs in long-term care facilities. The wagging tails of the dogs and the purring of the cats bring smiles and laughter to the faces of nursing home residents. For more information or to become a volunteer, please speak with Art Nava or visit fw4elders.org/our-programs/petpals. *Thank you for your generosity!*

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- Rev. Vera O'Brien**
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- Rev. Fred Small**
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Music

- Mark David Buckles**, *Director of Music*
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Choir Section Leaders

- Ann-Marie Iacoviello**, *Soprano*
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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019
INGATHERING
AND THE
WATER CEREMONY!

Unitarian Universalist
8 PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent **WORTH** and **DIGNITY** of every being
2. **JUSTICE**, **EQUITY**, and **COMPASSION** in all relations
3. **ACCEPTANCE** of one another and encouragement of **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
4. A free and responsible search for **TRUTH** and **MEANING**
5. The right of **CONSCIENCE** and the use of the **DEMOCRATIC** process
6. The goal of world community with **PEACE**, **LIBERTY**, and **JUSTICE** for all
7. **RESPECT** for the **INTERDEPENDENT WEB** of which we are a part
8. Building **BELOVED COMMUNITY** by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2019

If you have brought water today, please write down - in large, clear printing - where you gathered your water. Pens and paper are available from the ushers at the Great Doors. Please hold onto your container of water until it's time for the water ceremony!

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 end of Greetings.

PRELUDE

Reflets dans l'eau (Reflections in the water)
Claude Debussy (1861 - 1918)

Auf dem Wasser zu singen (To be sung on the water)
Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

Andrew Altenbach, piano

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In
arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

WATER CEREMONY Rev. Beth Robbins

Sunday River Pete Sutherland
Midnight on the Water Luke Thomasson
Julie Metcalf, fiddle & harmonica
Mark David Buckles, piano

*HYMN 1064

Blue Boat Home

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

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.
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*HYMN

Swimming to the Other Side
text and music: Pat Humphries (b. 1960)
choral arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

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

Chorus

*We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in the stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side*

I am alone and I am searching,
Hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility, I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

On this journey through thoughts and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together.
I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow,
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

When we get there we'll discover
All of the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live together
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

SERMON

Just One Thing Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hallelujah Karisha Longaker & Sarah Nutting
choral arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Every time I feel this way
This old familiar sinking
I will lay my troubles down by the water
Where the river will never run dry

Hallelujah, Hallelujah (I'm gonna let myself be lifted)
Hallelujah by and by (I'm gonna let myself be lifted)
I will lay my troubles down by the water
Where the river will never run dry

It's been said and I do believe
As you ask so shall you receive
So take from me these troubles, bring me sweet release
Where the river will never run dry

There is a river in this heart of hearts
With a knowingness of my highest good
I am willing, I will do my part
Where the river will never run dry

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 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 unpledged 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 (all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

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

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