

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

*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**

Your Hand in Mine ..... *Kelly Lenahan* (b. 1993)  
Kelly Lenahan, piano

## **WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING**

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

## **INTROIT**

Traum durch die Dämmerung  
text: *Otto Julius Bierbaum* (1865 - 1910)  
(Dreaming through the twilight) music: *Richard Strauss* (1864 - 1949)  
John Bitsas, baritone; Kelly Lenahan, piano

## **GREETINGS**

### **\*HYMN 40**

The Morning Hangs a Signal

1 The morning hangs a signal upon the mountain crest, while all the sleeping valleys in silent darkness rest. From peak to peak it flashes, it laughs along the sky, till glory of the sunlight on all the land shall lie.

2 Above the generations the lonely prophets rise, while truth flares as the daystar within their glowing eyes; and other eyes, beholding, are kindled from that flame; and dawn becomes the morning, when prophets love proclaim.

3 The soul has lifted moments, above the drift of days, when life's great meaning breaketh in sunrise on our ways. Behold the radiant token of faith above all fear; night shall release its splendor that morning shall appear.

*Mark David Buckles, Director of Music and the Arlington Street Choir are off today. We are grateful to Kelly Lenahan and John Bitsas for the beautiful music today!*

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

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun ..... *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)  
from *A Very Cellular Song* .... arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time\_ sun shine up - on\_ you,  
All\_\_\_\_\_ love sur - round you, And the pure\_\_\_\_\_  
light with - in\_ you guide\_\_\_\_\_ your way  
on, guide\_\_\_\_\_ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to leave  
with Dave Egan, Director of Family Ministry!*

## 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	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

## \*HYMN 1064

Blue Boat Home

1. Though below me, I feel no motion standing on these mountains and plains. Far away from the rolling ocean still my dry land heart can say: I've been sailing all my life now, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel and the earth is my blue boat home.
2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder as I ply the starry sea, leaning over the edge in wonder, casting questions into the deep. Drifting here with my ship's companions, all we kindred pilgrim souls, making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.
3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me, hail the great winds urging me on, greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor's song: I was born up on the fathoms, never harbor or port have I known. The wide universe is the ocean I travel, and the earth is my blue boat home.

## SERMON

Welcoming Our Interconnectedness .... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## CANTICLE

Fear no more the heat o' the sun

text: *William Shakespeare* (1564 - 1616)

music: *Gerald Finzi* (1901 - 1956)

John Bitsas, baritone

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 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

Menuet ..... *Maurice Ravel* (1875 - 1937)

Kelly Lenahan, piano

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 354

We Laugh, We Cry

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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** *(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  
'Cause your people are my people  
Your people are mine  
Your people are my people  
Your divine, my divine

**POSTLUDE**

Cortège ..... *Lili Boulanger* (1893 - 1918)  
Kelly Lenahan, piano

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**Today in Family Ministry**

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Today, after the Children's Blessing, Rev. Erica and our children will gather in the Perkin's Room for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Then in preparation for the upcoming MLK weekend, we will be talking about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement. Why do so many communities, including Boston, choose to honor MLK with a day of service? The children will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, you are welcome to enjoy our nursery/playroom. 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. The service is piped in for your listening pleasure!

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**January Share the Plate: The LGBT+ Asylum Task Force**

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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBT+ individuals who are escaping discrimination and violence in their countries of origin and seeking asylum in the United States.

They are not permitted to work until they are granted a work permit and social security number, a process which can take more than a year. The mission of the Asylum Task Force is to provide them housing and financial support while they wait. In addition, we work to educate the public about this critical issue. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**Service is Our Gift**

- Candles Coordinator, *Darrell Waters*
- Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*
- Lead Greeter, *Rachel Corey*
- Lead Usher, *Deborah Peck*
- Worship Coordinator, *Art Nava (Hala Hazar, shadow)*
- Assistant Treasurers, *Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes*