



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

PRELUDE

Three Visions *William Grant Still* (1895–1978)

II. Summerland

III. Radiant Pinnacle

Nobody Knows The Trouble I've Seen *African American Spiritual*
arrangement: *Florence Price* (1887–1953)

Yulia Yun (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister (she/her)

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Extraordinary Magic *Ben Rector* (b. 1986)

Bek Zehr (they/them), piano and vocals

Dedicated to the generosity of the National Parks Service, which, in recognition of our building's historic significance in the long struggle for LGBTQ+ rights, has just awarded Arlington Street \$750,000 for the restoration of our landmark building: Extraordinary Magic!

You won't believe it and strange as it sounds
Extraordinary magic follows you around
And the camera can't catch it, you won't see it in the mirror
If I say look behind you, you turn around, it disappears, but

Chorus

I see it, I see it
I swear I do
I see extraordinary magic in you

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

Out of thin air, you appeared in my life
Like a burst of Technicolor in a world of black and white
When my heart was locked inside a box, you reached inside and now
I see my future when I look into your eyes

Chorus

And I know that miracles happen
Who cares what they say
Is love nothing short of a miracle
Happening over and over every day?

So I'll keep my eyes open, awed and amazed
And if you start to doubt it
I'll remind you of the million ways

Chorus

GREETINGS Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 108**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song music: *Robert Lowry* (1826–1899)
text: verses 1-2: *Pauline T.* (attributed), verse 3: *Doris Plenn*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!

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 out 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.

COVENANT RENEWAL 2024 ~ All In! Jon Andersen-Miller

In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our covenant of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. Covenant Renewal Sunday is next Sunday, March 3rd! *All In!*



*HYMN 88

Calm Soul of All Things text: *Matthew Arnold* (1822–1888)
music: *Thomas Tallis* (c. 1505–1585)

Calm soul of all things, make it mine
To feel, amid the city's jar
That there abides a peace of thine
I did not make, and cannot mar

The will to neither strive nor cry,
The power to feel with others, give
Calm, calm me more
Nor let me die before I have begun to live

SERMON

Advice from the Dying Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Galileo *Emily Saliers* (b. 1963)

Bek Zehr (they/them), guitar and vocals

Galileo's head was on the block
The crime was looking up the truth
And as the bombshells of
 my daily fears explode
I try to trace them to my youth

And then you had to bring
 up reincarnation
Over a couple of beers
 the other night
And now I'm serving time
 for mistakes
Made by another
 in another lifetime

Chorus

How long 'til my soul gets it right
Can any human being ever reach
 that kind of light?
I call on the resting soul of Galileo
King of night vision, king of insight

And then I think about my
 fear of motion
Which I never could explain
Some other fool across the ocean
 years ago
Must have crashed his little airplane

Chorus

I'm not making a joke
You know me I take everything
 so seriously
If we wait for the time 'til all souls
 get it right
Then at least I know there'll be no
 nuclear annihilation in my lifetime
I'm still not right

I offer thanks to those before me
That's all I've got to say
'Cause maybe you squandered
 big bucks in your lifetime
Now I have to pay

But then again it feels like some sort
 of inspiration
To let the next life off the hook
Or she'll say look what I had to
 overcome from my last life
I think I'll write a book

How long 'til my soul gets it right
Can any human being ever
 reach the highest light?
Except for Galileo, G*d rest his soul
King of the night vision,
 king of insight
How long?
How long?

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 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!

FEBRUARY SHARE THE PLATE: RENEWAL HOUSE

Founded in 1980, Renewal House provides temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state to provide shelter for male as well as female survivors, and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House works closely with other programs that serve queer communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities, to support these under-served populations.

Among its many programs, Renewal House offers a 24-hour hotline, bilingual Spanish and English advocacy, support groups and pastoral counseling, English as a second language (ESL) classes and job training, and community outreach education.

To make your gift, please visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; scan the QR code above; 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

Adagio, from *Oboe Concerto in D minor* *Alessandro Marcello* (1673–1747)
keyboard arrangement (BWV 974): *J.S. Bach* (1685–1750)

Yulia Yun, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 1064**

Blue Boat Home text: *Peter Mayer* (b. 1963)
music: *Roland Hugh Prichard* (1811–1887), adapted
arrangement: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Though below me I feel no motion, standing on the 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 beautiful blue boat home

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

I give thanks to the waves upholding me, hail the great winds urging me on,
Greet the infinite sea before me, sing the sky my sailor’s song:
I was born upon 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

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

Spiritual Suite for Piano *Margaret Bonds* (1913–1972)
III. Troubled Water (based on the spiritual *Wade in The Water*)

Yulia Yun, 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!*