

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2023

PRELUDE

Hébé *Ernest Chausson* (1855 – 1899)

Hanamo (Flowers) *Mebig*

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

arrangement: *Keith Christopher* (b. 1957)

Hyunju Jung, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

The Lone, Wild Bird text: *Henry Richard McFadyen* (1877 – 1964)

music: *Southern Harmony* (1835)

arrangement: *David N. Johnson* (1922 – 1987)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight
And I am thine! I rest in thee
Great spirit, come, and rest in me

The ends of earth are in thy hand
The sea's dark deep and far-off land
And I am thine! I rest in thee
Great spirit, come, and rest in me

GREETINGS Patrick Cooleybeck, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 361**

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In text and music: *Louise Ruspini*

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

Enter, rejoice, and come in
Enter, rejoice, and come in
Today will be a joyful day!
Enter, rejoice, and come in!

Open your hearts, everyone...

Open your ears to the song...

Don't be afraid of some change...

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

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

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance [here](#). 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 326

Let All the Beauty We Have Known

text: *Rev. Dr. Dana McLean Greeley (1908 – 1986)*

tune: *English Melody*

arrangement: *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)*

Let all the beauty we have known
Illuminate our hearts and minds
Rejoice in wonders daily shown
In faith and joy, and love that binds

We celebrate with singing hearts
The loveliness of sky and earth
The inspiration of the arts
The miracle of ev'ry birth

Life's music and its poetry
Surround and bless us through our days
For these we sing in harmony
Together giving thanks and praise

SERMON

Don't Miss It Rev. Beth Robbins

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Golden Breaks the Dawn text: verse 1 *T. C. Chao* (1888 – 1979)
translation: *Frank Price & Daniel Niles*
verse 2 *John Andrew Story* (1935 – 1997)
music: *Hu Te-ngai* (1900)
arrangement: *John Kramer* (b. 1973)

Golden breaks the dawn; comes the eastern sun
Over lake and lawn, sets its course to run
Birds above us fly, flowers bloom below
Through the earth and sky life's great mercies flow

As the spinning globe rolls away the night
Nature wears a robe spun of morning light
Dawn break in me too, as in skies above
Teach me to be true, fill my heart with love

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 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!

APRIL SHARE THE PLATE: SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE

The Boston Sisters are part of an international order of queer, clown nuns who pledge “to promulgate universal joy and eliminate stigmatic guilt.” Their ministry is to serve through education, entertainment, and activism. Their creed says, “We love you. We adore you. We respect you. We protect you. We serve you. We are your Sisters.”

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!*

A reminder that on Saturday, April 29th, from 7:00-9:00 pm, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will be in the Arlington Street Zoom room, hosting a benefit for Arlington Street and our work in the world! To join in an evening of Nuns’n’Fun, please visit <https://nunsnfun.eventbrite.com>



OFFERTORY

Sweet Spot *Antje Duvekot (b. 1976)*

Hannah Shanefield, soprano
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Once you stood below a mountain
Now you find yourself surprised
This is the sweet spot of your life
'Cause this new view compares to nothing
Gone the hardship of your climb
This is the sweet spot of your life

And it would seem the ice is melting
It seems you've come in from the cold
This is the sweet spot of your life
And all your streams they are now fuller
Than what their riverbanks can hold
This is the sweet spot of your life

So you must hold these days like treasures
In a jewel box in your heart
This is the sweet spot of your life
For you know well they are most precious
Into an old tree you must carve them
This is the sweet spot of your life

May it only sting a moment
When you dive into that blue
This is the sweet spot of your life
'Cause by the time you hit the surface
It has rearranged you
This is the sweet spot of your life

You always wanted something solid
Just one solid thing
Oh but angels are so fickle
They only love you when you sing
But you don't need those fickle angels to shine
This is the sweet spot of your life

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 126**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing text: *Rev. Robert Robinson* (1735 – 1790)
& *Rev. Eugene B. Navias* (1928 – 2014)
music: *John Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music* (1813)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Come, thou fount of every blessing
Tune our ears to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of life's perfection
Fills our hearts with joy and love
Teach us ever to be faithful
May we still thy goodness prove

Come, thou fount of every vision
Lift our eyes to what may come
See the lion and the lambkin
Dwell together in thy home
Hear the cries of war fall silent
Feel our love glow like the sun
When we all serve one another
Then our heaven is begun

Come, thou fount of inspiration
Turn our lives to higher ways
Lift our gloom and desperation
Show the promise of this day
Help us bind ourselves in union
Help our hands tell of our love
With thine aid, O fount of justice
Earth be fair as heaven above

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

Shout for Joy and Sing *David Fellingham* (b. 1945)
Hyunju Jung, piano



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 our congregational administrator, Jess (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org), to claim your date! *Thank you!*

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

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

Rev. Beth Robbins (*she/her*), *Executive Minister*

Rev. George G. Whitehouse (*he/him*), *Minister at Large*

Community Ministers

Rev. John Gibbons (*he/him*)
Minister for Good Trouble

Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason (*she/her*)
Minister for Spiritual Direction

Rev. Fred Small (*he/him*)
Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (*she/her*)
Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center

Dr. Arthur Judge (*he/him*)
Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Erica Rose Long (*she/her*)
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

Rev. Joanna Lubkin (*she/her*)
Interim Minister, Theodore Parker Church

Rev. Vera O'Brien (*she/her*)
Chaplain, HopeHealth Hospice

Music

Mark David Buckles (*he/him*), *Director of Music*

Hyunju Jung (*she/her*), *Collaborative Pianist*

Rodger Clinton Vine (*he/him*), *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Hannah Shanefield (*she/her*), *Soprano*

Bek Zehr (*they/them*), *Mezzo Soprano*

Samuel LaGrego (*he/him*), *Tenor*

Andrew Stack (*he/him*), *Baritone*

Administration

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