



**Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist***

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

**PRELUDE**

We Have Come to Church..... words & music: *GMWA Mass Choir*

Give Him the Glory..... words & music: *Georgia Mass Choir*

**WELCOME** ..... Queen Cheryl Thieret

**Introit**

There is a River Flowin' in My Soul..... words & music: *Rose Sanders* (b. 1945)  
arr. *Kenny Smith* (b. 1965)

Andrew Stack, Baritone

There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my soul.

There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my heart.

There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.  
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.  
There's a river flowin' in my mind.

**CHALICE LIGHTING AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

**GREETINGS** ..... Lucy Humphrey, Worship Coordinator

**\*HYMN 20**

Be Thou My Vision ..... words: *Ancient Irish*  
Translated: Eleanor H. Hull (1860-193)  
Music: *Traditional Irish Melody*

Be thou my vision, O God of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me  
God; thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower, raise thou me heavenward, O  
Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor world's empty praise, thou my inheritance, now and  
always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure  
thou art.

### 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 on our website. 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.
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### \*HYMN 26

Holy, Holy, Holy..... words: Reginald Heber (1738-1826)  
music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Holy, holy, holy, author of creation!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty;  
who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
hindered by our vanities we have not eyes to see.  
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, author of creation!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty;  
who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

## SERMON

Message from a Lesbian to the Religious Right..... Queen Cheryl Thieret

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Born This Way..... words & music: *Lady Gaga* (b.1986)  
Joe Della Pena, Vocals & Piano

It doesn't matter if you love him or capital H-I-M  
Just put your paws up  
'Cause you were born this way, baby

My mama told me when I was young, "We are all born superstars"  
She rolled my hair and put my lipstick on in the glass of her boudoir  
"There's nothing wrong with loving who you are"  
She said, "'Cause He made you perfect, babe  
So hold your head up, girl, and you'll go far"  
Listen to me when I say

I'm beautiful in my way 'cause God makes no mistakes  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way  
Don't hide yourself in regret, just love yourself, and you're set  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way (born this way)

Ooh, there ain't no other way, baby, I was born this way  
Baby, I was born this way (born this way)  
Ooh, there ain't no other way, baby, I was born this way  
Right track, baby, I was born this way

Don't be a drag, just be a queen  
Don't be a drag, just be a queen  
Don't be a drag, just be a queen  
Don't be (don't be, don't be)

Give yourself prudence and love your friends  
Subway kid, rejoice your truth  
In the religion of the insecure, I must be myself, respect my youth  
A different lover is not a sin, believe capital H-I-M (hey, hey, hey)  
I love my life, I love this record, and  
Mi amore vole fe, yah (same DNA)

I'm beautiful in my way 'cause God makes no mistakes  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way  
Don't hide yourself in regret, just love yourself, and you're set  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way

Ooh, there ain't no other way, baby, I was born this way  
Baby, I was born this way (born this way)  
Ooh, there ain't no other way, baby, I was born this way  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way

Don't be a drag, just be a queen  
Whether you're broke or evergreen  
You're Black, white, beige, chola descent  
You're Lebanese, you're Orient'  
Whether life's disabilities left you outcast, bullied, or teased  
Rejoice and love yourself today  
'Cause, baby, you were born this way  
No matter gay, straight, or bi', lesbian, transgender life  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born to survive  
No matter Black, white or beige, chola, or Orient' made  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born to be brave

I'm beautiful in my way 'cause God makes no mistakes  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way  
Don't hide yourself in regret, just love yourself, and you're set  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way, yeah

Ooh, there ain't no other way, baby, I was born this way  
Baby, I was born this way (born this way)  
Ooh, there ain't no other way, baby, I was born this way  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way

I was born this way, hey  
I was born this way, hey  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way, hey  
I was born this way, hey  
I was born this way, hey  
I'm on the right track, baby, I was born this way, hey

Same DNA, but born this way  
Same DNA, but born this way

## **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](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira at [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto: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!*

## SUMMER SHARE THE PLATE

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Since September, we have given generously to many causes about which we are passionate, including NEADS Service Dogs; Gay for Good, the Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center and The Memory Project (support for refugee families arriving from Afghanistan); and World Central Kitchen (feeding Ukrainian refugees). During the Summer months, our Share the Plate offerings are saved to use for future local emergencies and to help in rescue and rebuilding efforts following natural (and unnatural) disasters around the world. In 2017, we were able to make a significant gift in the wake of a 10-alarm fire in East Cambridge that displaced over 100 residents just weeks before Christmas. This past September, we supported Louisiana's Lowlander Center's Hurricane Ida relief, doubling our impact with gifts from the summer Share the Plate.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://www.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

I am What I am..... words & music: *Jerry Herman* (1931-2019)  
Joe Della Pena, Vocals and Piano

It takes a lifetime to become the best that we can be  
We have not the time or the right to judge each other  
And it's one life, and there's not return or no deposit  
One life, so make sure you like what's in your closet

Mhm, ooh ooh oh yeah, mhm  
Huh huh, yeah yeah, ooh oh

I am what I am  
I don't want praise I don't want pity  
I bang my own drum  
Some think it's noise I think it's pretty  
And so what if I love each sparkle and each bangle  
Why not try to see things from a different angle  
Your life is a shame til you can shout out  
I am what I am

Ooh ooh, mhm  
Ooh ooh ooh ooh yeah  
Huh huh, hey hey yeah  
Ooh ah

I am what I am  
And what I am needs no excuses  
I deal my own deck  
Sometimes the ace sometimes the deuces  
It's my life that I want to have a little pride in  
My life and it's not a place I have to hide in  
Life's not worth a danm til you can shout out  
I am what I am

I am what I am

I am what I am  
I am, I am, I am, I am, I am good  
I am  
I am, good  
I am  
I am, I am good  
I am

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine .....*African-American Spiritual*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine  
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## **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**

Sodom and Gomorrah..... words & music: *The Village People*

This is the story of Sodom and Gomorrah  
Two cities that were full of hatred and lust  
Because their ties were great, because of all their lust  
The Lord decided destruction was a must

This is what he said:  
Give me (give me-ee) 50 good men (just give me 50 good me-e-en)  
And I'll (and I-I-I'll) spare the whole city (and I'll spare the whole city-y)  
Give me 40 good men, to destroy you a-a-all would be a pi-I-ity

Oh-oh-oh-oh, Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Sodom and Gomorrah  
Cities with one man you can trust (cities with one man you can trust)  
Sodom and Gomorrah, Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Cities full of hatred and lust (cities full of hatred and lust)  
Sodom and Gomorrah (yeah) Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Judgement day is very close by (judgement day is very close by)  
Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah) Sodom and Gomorrah  
The flames will reach up high to the sky (high to the sky)

God sent two angels to Sodom and Gomorrah  
They were met by Lot who bowed to the ground  
They went into his home, before they could knock down  
The wicked men of Sodom gathered round

Here's what the angel said:  
Give me (give me-ee-ee) 30 good men (just give me 30 good men)

And I'll (and I-I-I'll) spare the whole city (and I'll spare the whole city-y)  
Give me 20 good men, to destroy you a-a-all would be a pi-I-ity-why

Oh-oh-oh-oh, Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Cities with one man you can trust (cities with one man you can trust)  
Sodom and Gomorrah (yeah) Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah)  
Cities full of hatred and lust (cities full of hatred and lust)  
Sodom and Gomorrah (yeah) Sodom and Gomorrah (Sodom and Gomorrah)

### 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](mailto: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

**Jess Acosta** (*she/they*), Congregational Administrator

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