



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2018

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Pure Imagination

Leslie Bricusse (b. 1931) / Anthony Newley (1931 - 1999)

Nacht und Träume (Night and Dreams)

Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

Kelly Watch the Stars

Jean Benoit Dunckel (b. 1969), Nicolas Godin (b. 1969)

Daniel Padgett, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 163**

For the Earth Forever Turning

1 For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev'ry sea; for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.

2 For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty; for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.

3 For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons' harmony, for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

4 For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth; in our joy we sing returning home to our bluegreen hills of earth.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on "Worship."

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *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.*

*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.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SERMON

Prescribing Wonder Alison Jablonsky

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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

Dream Variations *Margaret Bonds* (1913 - 1972)

Daniel Padgett, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 301

Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!

1 Touch the earth, reach the sky! Walk on shores while spirits fly
over the ocean, over the land, our faith a quest to understand.

2 Touch the earth, reach the sky! Children ask the reasons why. In
our lives the answers show, and by our love they learn and grow.

3 Touch the earth, reach the sky! All are born and all shall die;
life's the time left in between, to follow a star, to build a dream.

4 Touch the earth, reach the sky! Hug the laughter, feel the cry.
May we see where we can give, for this is what it means to live.

5 Touch the earth, reach the sky! Soar with courage ever high;
spirits joining as we fly, to touch the earth, to reach the sky.

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

Where You 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

Frère! Voyez!...Du Gai Soleil *Jules Massenet* (1842 - 1912)

Daniel Padgett, piano

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 2018

All Are Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning for worship!

This morning, we invite you to:

- * Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
- * Join us for coffee and a light lunch in the Parish Hall;
- * Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
- * Please come back again soon!



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Alison Jablonsky is a member of Arlington Street Church and is doing her ministerial internship at Massachusetts General Hospital, where she serves as a Resident Chaplain. Ali loves learning about the sacred from her staff, patients, and their loved ones. She is interested in interbelief ministry and in working to ensure spiritual care is relevant to people of any and every belief identity.



SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH

What about Community? Al Ingram

Our communities are more important and relevant than ever. How well do they work? More importantly, how do they define us, how do we define them, and what can we do to for and with them to help them work and to affect the changes we want made?

Al Ingram started attending Arlington Street Church in 1996 and joined in 2008. He currently serves on the Prudential Committee and Covenant Renewal team. He is an independent leadership coach who helps high-tech professionals lead and navigate change. He's also a member of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, and has sung at almost every ASC Christmas Eve service since 1996.

SUMMER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



SUMMERTIME AT ARLINGTON STREET

The program staff and the Arlington Street Choir are away for the summer, but will be back for worship on September 9th. Today and every Sunday through Labor Day, we are grateful to our musicians, our preachers, the volunteer team, and Ali Jablonski, our Summer Student Minister, for this beautiful worship service!

Next to the Hunnewell Chapel, there is a nursery for restless babies and their caregivers. This space offers a rocking chair, changing table with supplies, and a live audio feed of the service.

Should you need a minister over the summer, please call the church office at 617-536-7050. The admin staff is always here for you; Jeffrey, and Brad are glad to help! Happy summer, one and all!

During summer the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar." Jeff Bouchard, our congregational administrator/facilities manager, keeps it current.



COFFEE HOUR

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, light lunch, & community!



KUNDALINI YOGA CLASS

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!



SUMMER READING

Buddha's Belly: Arlington Street's Buddhist book group is reading Chögyam Trungpa's *Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior*. All are welcome to join in the discussion on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm.

Intersectional Book Group: Join Rev. Kim for the eighth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. Our next book is *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, by Asha Bandele and Patrisse Cullors. We'll meet to discuss it on Monday, September 17th at 5:30 pm.



VISITORS CENTER IS OPEN FOR TOURS!

Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM and Monday through Saturday from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM (closed Tuesdays)

Greeters Needed This Summer!

Do you want to meet people from all over the world? Would you enjoy sharing the beauty of our Tiffany Windows with others? If so, consider becoming a volunteer greeter with our Visitors Center! Greeters serve as friendly faces at the Arlington Street entrance, welcoming visitors and receiving donations. No experience is necessary, and scheduling is flexible! If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact Alissa Butler at abutler@ascboston.org.



ARLINGTON STREET'S LITERARY SALON, THE WEDNESDAYS: OVID

Wednesdays, September 19th, October 3rd, & 17th ~ 6:00 - 8:00 PM
The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave.

Ovid's "*Metamorphoses*" is one of the most influential works in Western culture, having inspired Dante, Boccaccio, Chaucer, and Shakespeare among countless others. In fact, "*Metamorphoses*" was Shakespeare's favorite book (he read it in Latin), and it's easy to see why. The stories it contains are endlessly fascinating: Zeus transformed into a shower of gold to ravish Danae, Tiresias turned into a woman and then back into a man, Orpheus torn to shreds by furious Maenads. It runs from the creation of the world to the death of Julius Caesar, containing over 250 narratives in 15 books. Join

Rev. Kim and Professor Alan for three sessions and discover why this is one of the most beloved works in all of world literature. We'll be reading the Rolfe Humphries translation published by Indiana University Press. Amazon has many new copies from \$5.00, & you can find used copies even cheaper. *All are welcome!*



MORNING LIGHT CONCERT SERIES RETURNS THIS FALL!

Saturdays, September 22nd, October 20th, November 10th ~
11:30 AM, Sanctuary

Back by popular demand: the wonderful Boston Chamber Music Society! Last season, our audiences included local fans and visitors from all over the world who made a concert at Arlington Street a highlight of their weekend in Boston. We take it for granted that we can see the light coming through our magnificent stained glass windows every Sunday. Now let's share the experience with chamber music lovers! Tickets: Arlington Street members receive a 20% discount off the ticket price (tickets are \$29, if purchased before September 9, and \$34 afterwards). Enter discount code "ASC20" during check out when ordering from www.bostonchambermusic.org, or call the BCMS office at 617.349.0086.



SHARE YOUR WEDDING PICTURES WITH US!

Did you get married at Arlington Street Church? If so, we'd love to hear from you! We're launching a new weddings website to increase bookings and would love to share your pictures and stories. If you'd like to help, please contact Alissa at abutler@ascboston.org.



ENVISIONING OUR FUTURE

During last winter's Open Space gathering and the recent Next Steps leadership weekend, Arlington Street members and friends expressed hopes and dreams for this beloved spiritual community. The Pru is now in the process of drafting a vision statement – an aspirational statement of who we want to be in the next five years. Here is the first pass:

- A welcoming sanctuary
- An historic destination for arts and culture
- A hub for progressive values and transformation

Do we have it right? We would love to hear from you! Please speak to any of us (Pru members are listed on the back of the Order of Service) or e-mail us at Prudential@ASCBoston.org. Thank you!

Share the Plate

Each Sunday between September and June, we share the offering plate with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. This past church year's Share the Plate recipients included: AIDS Action Committee, Best Friends Animal Society, Black Lives Matter Boston, the Boston Marathon Charity Runners, Friday Night Supper Program, Hurricanes Harvey and Maria Relief Fund, Into the Woods, Karam Foundation Syrian Refugee Project, the LGBT Asylum Task Force, the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Only a Child, Renewal House, and Rise Against Hunger.