

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist
Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2017

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

Four Lieder for Piano, Op. 8 *Fanny Mendelssohn* (1805 - 1847)
Xuan He, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR Rev. Joanna Lubkin

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha'olam,
asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu lishmo'a kol shofar.

Blessed are you, Source of All, who has blessed us
with the ritual of hearing the sound of the shofar.

INTROIT

Avinu Malkeinu text: *Traditional Jewish Prayer*
music: *Max Janowski* (1912 - 1991)

Avinu Malkeinu, translated literally as "our father, our king," envisions the prayerful calling out to G-d in the image of a merciful and compassionate parent

Avinu Malkeinu, hear our prayer.

Avinu Malkeinu, we have missed the mark.

Avinu Malkeinu, have mercy upon us and upon our children.

Avinu Malkeinu, keep far from our country pestilence, war, and famine.

Avinu Malkeinu, cause all hate and oppression to vanish from the earth.

Avinu Malkeinu, inscribe us for blessing in the book of life.

Avinu Malkeinu, grant us a year of happiness.

***GREETINGS**

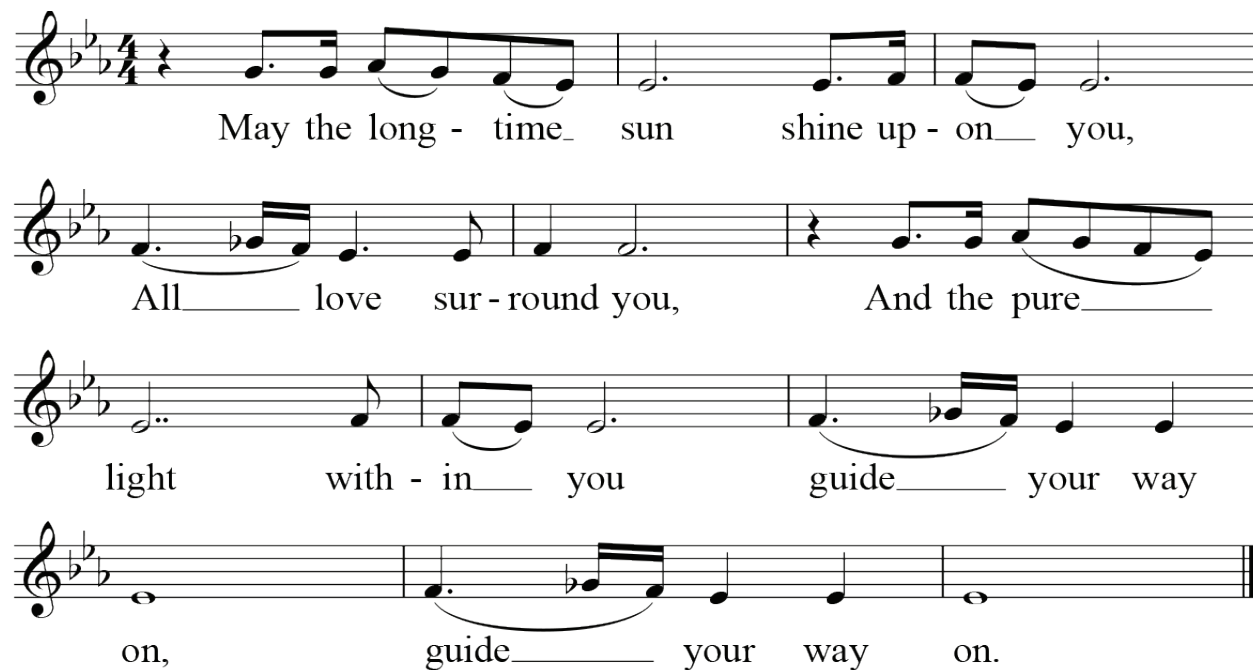
***HYMN 108**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

**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 join
the Children's Religious Education program!*

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 159

This is My Song

HOMILY

What if They Gave a War and Nobody Came?

Michael Ferber, Ph.D. and Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Chester *William Billings* (1746 - 1800)

Let tyrants shake their iron rod,
And slav'ry clank her galling chains,
We fear them not, we trust in God,
New England's God forever reigns.

The foe comes on with haughty stride;
Our troops advance with martial noise,
Their vet'rans flee before our youth,
And gen'ral's yield to beardless boys.

What grateful off'ring shall we bring?
What shall we render to the Lord?
Loud Halleluiahs let us sing,
And praise his name on ev'ry chord.

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

I Won't Back Down *Tom Petty* (b. 1950) and *Jeff Lynne* (b. 1947)

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 162

Gonna Lay Down My Sword and Shield

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

When you walk from here, When you walk from here,

Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.

POSTLUDE

Cinq Pièces pour Grand Orgue (1954) *Jeanne Joulain* (1920 - 2010)

V. Finale

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today in CRE, we will be talking about our 2nd principle and making cards to send to people in Texas and Florida who have been impacted by the recent hurricanes. All are welcome! During the Children's Blessing, let's head down the center aisle to make our way downstairs in the Perkins Room. We'll return to the sanctuary in time to join in the final hymn and benediction with our families and friends

Allie Dagg is in the box pew at the front right of the sanctuary and available to provide childcare for restless little ones. There is also a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. 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.

At 1:00, Rev. Kim, Beth, and Erica will be hosting a gathering in the Perkins Room on the future of Children's Religious Education at Arlington Street. All are invited to this visioning session in which we will share our hopes and dreams for family ministry at our church.

Share the Plate: Best Friends Animal Society

During the recent hurricanes, Best Friends' disaster response team deployed to Texas and Florida to rescue stranded animals, deliver supplies to hard-hit shelters, transport displaced shelter pets, and support emergency sheltering efforts. Every penny of your gift today will go toward recovery efforts to help reunite pets with families, help animals turned into shelters find homes, and help local rescue groups and shelters rebuild and recover.

Our gifts to the Best Friends Hurricane Relief Fund will be matched by our summer Share the Plate collections for natural disasters.

If you would like to volunteer with Best Friends in Texas or Florida, please visit ASCBoston.org and click on the link.

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Art Nava*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*

Lead Usher, *Kevin Tyrrell*

Worship Coordinator, *John O'Connor*

Assistant Treasurers, *Nancy George & Paul Babbitt*

At Your Service:

- * If you would like a large print order of service or hymnal or a Braille hymnal
- * If you are having trouble hearing the service and would appreciate an assistive listening device
- * If you have mobility challenges and would like assistance

Any usher will be happy to help!

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!