

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

HONORING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

PRELUDE

Young Woong Cho (he/him), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

We believe in justice, equity, and compassion in all relations. Amen.

GREETINGS Darrell Waters (he/him), Worship Coordinator

*HYMN 153

Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom

African American Spiritual

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Woke up this morning with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom

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

Woke up this morning with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

I was walking and talking with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Walking and talking with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Walking and talking with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

I was singing and praying with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Singing and praying with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Singing and praying with my mind (And it was stayed) stayed on freedom Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

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.

*HYMN

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around African American Spiritual, adapted

Ain't gonna let nobody
turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let nobody
turn me around
Gonna keep on walking,
keep on talking
Marching on to freedom land

Ain't gonna let no racism
turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let no racism
turn me around
Gonna keep on walking,
keep on talking
Marching on to freedom land

Ain't gonna let no injustice turn me around

Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let no injustice
turn me around
Gonna keep on walking, keep on talking
Marching on to freedom land

Ain't gonna let no apathy
turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let no apathy
turn me around
Gonna keep on walking,
keep on talking
Marching on to freedom land

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around Turn me around, turn me around Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around Gonna keep on walking, keep on talking Marching on to freedom land

SERMON

Impatience is a Virtue Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

I Have a Dream text: Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929–1968) music: Max Exner (1910–2004)

I say to you today, my friends, that is spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day, this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." I have a dream that one day the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

I have a dream today!

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!

JANUARY SHARE THE PLATE: LEND A HAND SOCIETY

Founded by Unitarian minister Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale in 1892, Lend a Hand is a resource of last resort, providing emergency financial assistance to low-income families and individuals. Working with social service agencies in the Greater Boston area, Lend a Hand makes grants to help pay for rent (to prevent eviction), heat and electric bills (to prevent utility shut-offs), critical medications and medical equipment, eyeglasses, and dental care. Our own Bob Sessions serves on their board of directors (and on ours!). A larger-than-life statue of Hale stands at the Charles Street entrance to the Boston Public Garden. The inscription — one of Hale's most famous aphorisms — reads, "Look up and not down. Look forward and not back. Look out and not in. Lend a hand." For more information, please visit www.lend-a-hand-society.org.

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

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 116

I'm on my way to the freedom land I'm on my way to the freedom land I'm on my way to the freedom land I'm on my way, great G*d, I'm on my way

I asked my neighbor to come and go with me...

If they say no, I'll go anyhow...

We're on our way and we won't turn back...

We're on our way to the freedom land...

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go)	
	arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved For your people are my people Where you go I will go Your people are mine

Where you go I will go, beloved Your people are my people Where you go I will go Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE



* 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