

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2021

PRELUDE

River and Rainbow *Walter Carroll* (1869 – 1955)

I. Glow-worms

II. The Tiger Moth

III. Shadows

IV. By Crystal Stream

V. The Oak

VI. Shepherd's Pipe

VII. Sunrise

VIII. Iris

IX. Summer Wind

X. Ripples

Imagination, from *Haikyuu!*..... *Spyair*

Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Imagine *John Lennon* (1940 – 1980)

Tevan Goldberg, piano and vocals

Imagine there's no heaven

It's easy if you try

No hell below us

Above us, only sky

Imagine all the people

Livin' for today

Imagine there's no countries

It isn't hard to do

Nothing to kill or die for

And no religion too

Imagine all the people

Livin' life in peace

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world

You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

GREETINGS Hala Hazar, Worship Coordinator

HYMN

Better Days *Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow*

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

We have come, in the light
To this place, in the light
With our hearts, in the light
Open wide

We are here, in the light
Giving voice, in the light
To the truth, in the light
We divine

Chorus

Let us sing for today
Let us learn better ways
Showing love, in the light
Giving hope, in the light
We create, in the light
Better days

We are born, in the dark
We are fed, in the dark
We connect, in the dark
Through the veil

We are held, in the dark
We are healed, in the dark
Mysteries, in the dark
We reveal

Chorus

Let us sing for today
Let us learn better ways
Showing love, in the dark
Giving hope, in the dark
We create, in the dark
Better days

Time is now, we begin
Where we are, we begin
We have all, we begin
That we need

To renew, we begin
To release, we begin
To rebuild, we begin
To believe

Chorus

Let us sing for today
Let us learn better ways
Showing love, we begin
Giving hope, we begin
We create, we begin
Better days

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

Hana Omori, piano and vocals; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

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 1020

Woyaya *Osibisa*

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

We are going
Heaven knows where we are going
But we know within

And we will get there
Heaven knows how we will get there
But we know we will

It will be hard, we know
And the road will be muddy and rough
But we'll get there
Heaven knows how we will get there
But we know we will

Woyaya, Woyaya...
Woyaya, Woyaya...

SERMON

Better Days Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

You Can Do This Hard Thing *Carrie Newcomer* (b. 1958)

Tevan Goldberg, piano and vocals

There at the table
With my head in my hands
A column of numbers
I just did not understand
You said "Add these together
Carry the two, now you"

Chorus

You can do this hard thing
You can do this hard thing
It's not easy I know, but
I believe that it's so
You can do this hard thing

At a cold winter station
Breathing into our gloves
It would change me forever
Leaving for G*d knows what
You carried my bags
You said, "I'll wait for you"

Chorus

You can do this hard thing
You can do this hard thing
It's not easy I know, but
I believe that it's so
You can do this hard thing

Late at night I called
And you answered the phone
The worst it had happened
And I did not want to be alone
You quietly listened
You said, "We'll see this through"

Chorus

You can do this hard thing
You can do this hard thing
It's not easy I know, but
I believe that it's so
You can do this hard thing

Here we stand breathless
And pressed in hard times
Hearts hung like laundry
On backyard clothes lines
Impossible just takes
A little more time

From the muddy ground
Comes a green volunteer
In a place we thought
Barren new life appears
Morning will come whistling
Some comforting tune for you

Chorus

You can do this hard thing
You can do this hard thing
It's not easy I know, but
I believe that it's so
You can do this hard thing

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and church rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the church budget. **Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them.** You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up [automatic](#)



[payments](#) via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

OFFERTORY

Pure Imagination *Leslie Bricusse* (b. 1931) and *Anthony Newley* (1931 – 1999)

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

Come with me and you'll be
In a world of pure imagination
Take a look and you'll see
Into your imagination
We'll begin with a spin
Traveling in the world of my creation
What we'll see will defy explanation

If you want to view paradise
Simply look around and view it
Anything you want to, do it
Want to change the world?
There's nothing to it

There is no life I know
To compare with pure imagination
Living there you'll be free
If you truly wish to be

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

FIFTH SUNDAY SHARE THE PLATE: THE LGBT+ ASYLUM TASK FORCE

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBT+ individuals who are escaping discrimination and violence in their countries of origin and seeking asylum in the United States.



They are not permitted to work until they are granted a work permit and social security number, a process which can take more than a year. The mission of the Asylum Task Force is to provide them housing and financial support while they wait. In addition, they work to educate the public about this critical issue. *Thank you for your generosity!*

SPECIAL NOTE

Please plan to stay in the Zoom room to attend a 15-minute corporation meeting immediately after worship! We have three quick agenda items: welcoming our new members and voting them into membership; congregational sponsorship for John O'Connor's ministerial formation; and a brief, happy treasurer's report from Liz Teixeira. Only members of the corporation may vote, but all are welcome! The meeting will be followed by "coffee hour" — an opportunity to visit in smaller groups in breakout rooms.

HYMN 116

I'm On My Way *African American Spiritual*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin

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
I asked my neighbor to come and go with me
I asked my neighbor to come and go with me
I'm on my way, great G*d, I'm on my way

If they say no, I'll go anyhow
If they say no, I'll go anyhow
If they say no, I'll go anyhow
I'm on my way, great G*d, I'm on my way

We're on our way and we won't turn back
We're on our way and we won't turn back
We're on our way and we won't turn back
I'm on my way, great G*d, I'm on my way

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

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste

I bow to the Divine in You.

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, percussion and vocals

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

Pure Imagination ... *Leslie Bricusse* (b. 1931) and *Anthony Newley* (1931 – 1999)

Yulia Yun, organ

* 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.



Need help? The Tech Team will be monitoring Arlington Street's Facebook page on Sunday morning. If you need assistance, please post a comment to www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch, send a Facebook message, or email Outreach@ASCBoston.org.

This morning's pulpit flowers are a gift from the Richard Mattoli flower fund.

Thank you, Richard!