

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, 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

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 2, 3 *Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)*
Xuan He, piano

INTROIT

Here Together *David Glasgow (b. 1971)*
We are here, here together,
in this holy moment,
and we're grateful for
the winding road
that brought us to this place.

*WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

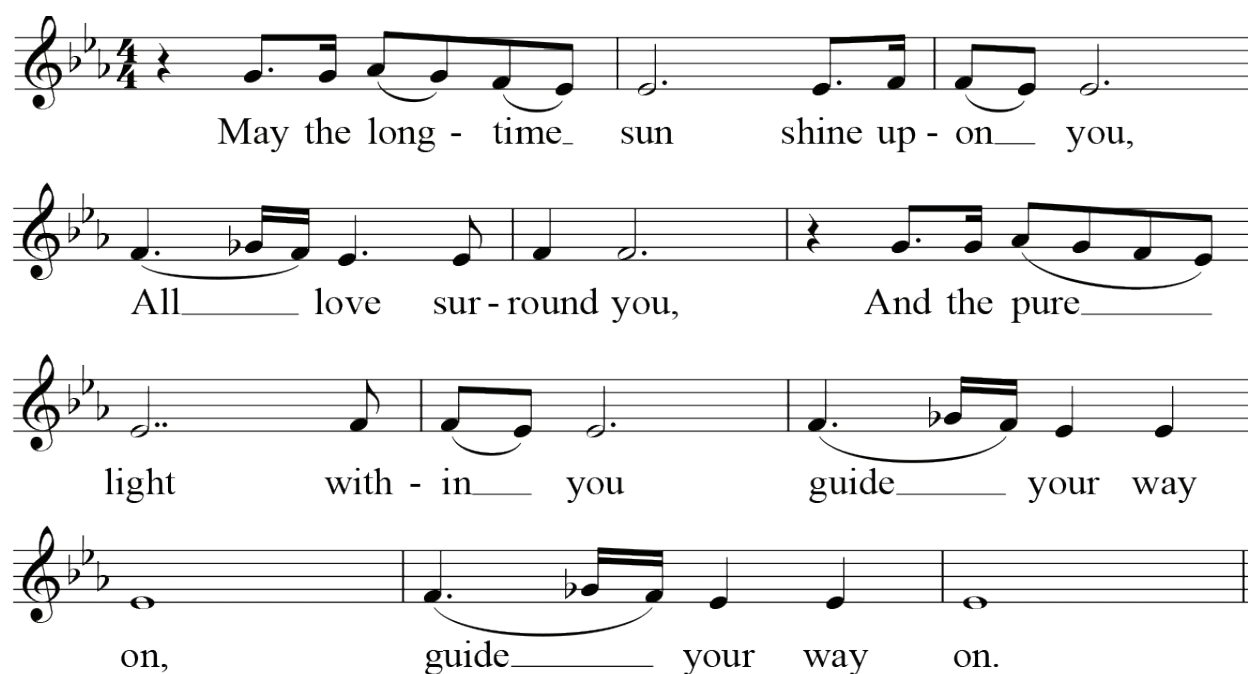
*HYMN 151

I Wish I Knew How

*GREETINGS

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!*

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

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	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 6

Just as Long as I Have Breath
to the tune of Hymn 21 For the Beauty of the Earth

SERMON

Broken Open Beth Robbins, Interim Director of Family Ministry

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Into the Silent Darkness text: *Rev. Richard S. Gilbert*, adapted
music: *Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)*

Julie Metcalf, violin

The Beyond from which we come
Is hidden in dark moist mysteries of primeval mud
And the silence between the stars,
Dwells in the recesses of the soul,
Beckons us into a wilderness,
Reveals itself at its own bidding.
From its vast complexity Arises simple ecstasy.

We go forth in fear and faith,
Knowing not what we will find -
We sing our alleluias into the silent darkness,
To the Beyond from which we come.

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

Hard Times Gillian Welch (b. 1967) and David Rawlings

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 354

We Laugh, We Cry

*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

Cantique, Op. 3 *Edward Elgar* (1857 - 1934)
Xuan He, organ

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today we are learning about Marley Dias, an extraordinary girl who, like many of us, loves to read! All children are invited to join Erica and Dan in the Perkins Room to talk about fairness, inclusivity, and Marley's #1000BlackGirlBooks project. Youth are welcome to join us in the Perkins Room or listen to Beth's sermon with their families in the sanctuary. Preschoolers are welcome to read a book with Allie and Lale in the Nursery.

*Special reminder: Next Saturday is the ASC Fall Potluck and Game Night!
Come for delicious food, fellowship, and games with your Arlington Street family!*

Share the Plate: Hurricane Maria Relief

On September 20th, Maria made landfall as a Category Five Hurricane and tore through the Northeastern Caribbean, leaving catastrophic damage in its wake. Since that time, Vieques, a small island off Puerto Rico, home to 9,000 people, has been almost entirely cut off from help. There is no electricity and no phone service. The *New York Times* reported that when Humane Society workers arrived, intending to focus on animal care, the situation was so dire they began organizing humanitarian flights.

In the absence of federal assistance, an entirely volunteer initiative called Vieques Love was formed on the mainland. As of today, volunteers flew four satellite phones to the island, stocked a free pharmacy at the Vieques hospital, amassed and delivered more than 11,000 pounds of supplies including 3,000 pounds of baby formula and diapers, delivered fuel to the island to get the water treatment plant back on line, evacuated residents in need of medical care, made an animal food delivery, and installed \$100,000 worth of solar technology this week to light up public spaces and boost morale on the island.

All of today's Share the Plate collection will go to relieve the suffering of people in Vieques through the heroism of Vieques Love. Thank you for your generosity!