

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2020

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

PRELUDE

8 Preludes Op. 17 *Bernhard van den Sigtenhorst Meyer* (1888 – 1953)

I. The Camel

II. The Lion

III. The Cat

IV. Wild Horses

V. The Adjutant Stork

VI. The Hummingbird

VII. The Mouse

VIII. Deer

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

For I will consider my Cat Jeffry music: *Benjamin Britten* (1913 – 1976)

text: *Christopher Smart* (1722 – 1771)

from *Rejoice in the Lamb; Jubilate Agno*

Hana Omori, soprano

For I will consider my Cat Jeffry.

For he is the servant of the Living G*d duly and daily serving him.

For at the first glance of the glory of G*d in the East he worships
in his way.

For this is done by wreathing his body seven times round
with elegant quickness.

For he knows that G*d is his Saviour.

For G*d has blessed him in the variety of his movements.

For there is nothing sweeter than his peace when at rest.

For I am possessed of a cat, surpassing in beauty,

from whom I take occasion to bless Almighty God.

GREETINGS

Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

The Calling of the Creatures *Rev. Ian W. Riddell*

ANIMAL PROMENADE

All God's Critters *Bill Staines (b. 1947)*

Hana Omori, soprano; Kazuhiro Omori, piano

HYMN

All of Us Belong *Richard Bruxvoort Colligan*

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

All of us belong
Each and every one
All of us belong
In this sacred circle

We have wings
and paws
and tails
and toes
and instincts
and souls

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 during the third candle.*

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 15

The Lone Wild Bird text: *H. R. MacFayden* (1877 – 1964)
music: *Southern Harmony* (1835)

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great spirit come and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in thy hand,
The sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great spirit come and rest in me.

SERMON

The Animals' Blessing Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Blackbird *Paul McCartney* (b. 1942)

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the 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

The Eagle's Whistle *Traditional Irish*
Old Yeller Dog Came Trottin' Through the Meetinghouse
Charlie Boyd Acuff (1919 – 2013)

Julie Metcalf, violin; Mark David Buckles, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS



SHARE THE PLATE OFFERING: NEADS SERVICE DOGS

It takes an extraordinary dog to help someone lead an ordinary life

Based in Princeton, Massachusetts, NEADS trains Service Dogs for people with a variety of disabilities. NEADS is renowned for their Trauma Assistance Dog (TAD) program for combat veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress and provides service dogs to veterans at no cost. We're very excited that our own Rev. Joanna Lubkin has been accepted into the NEADS program and will be welcoming a service dog into her life and into the life of this beloved spiritual community! We are collecting one special Share the Plate offering for NEADS in today's service. In addition, we will continue to receive contributions for NEADS through our website throughout October. To support this month's Share the Plate collection for NEADS, please text the word DOG to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

HYMN 203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

text: *St. Francis of Assisi* (1182 – 1226), attributed

tune: *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirschengesang* (1623)

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

All creatures of the earth and sky
Come, kindred, lift your voices high
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam
Soft shining moon with silver gleam
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong
White clouds that sail in heav'n along
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice
High stars of evening find a voice
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear
Make music for all life to hear
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright
And bless us with your warmth and light
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Embracing earth, you, day by day
Bring forth your blessings on our way
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow
Let them the glory also show
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you of understanding heart
Forgiving others, take your part
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless
And worship G*d in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

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

The Swan *Camille Saint-Saëns* (1835 – 1921)
arrangement: *Leopold Godowsky* (1870 – 1938)

Yulia Yun, piano



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