

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2019

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

Pern *Yann Tiersen* (b. 1970)

The Chain *Stevie Nicks* (b. 1948)

Yulia Yun, piano

INTROIT

Hammer and a Nail *Emily Saliers* (b. 1963)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 1010

We Give Thanks

1. Oh, we give thanks for this precious day, For all gather'd here, and those far away; For this time we share with love and care, Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

2. Oh, we give thanks for this precious day, For all gather'd here, and those far away; For this food we share with love and care, Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

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

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.

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

***HYMN 288**

All Are Architects of Fate

1 All are architects of fate, working in these walls of time; some with massive deeds and great, some with ornaments of rhyme.

2 For the structure that we raise time is with materials filled; our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build.

3 Build today, then, strong and sure, with a firm and ample base; and ascending and secure shall tomorrow find its place.

SERMON

Unbroken Streak Rev. Beth Robbins

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hold On text: *Marsha Norman* (b. 1947)
from *The Secret Garden* music: *Lucy Simon* (b. 1943)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

What you've got to do is
Finish what you have begun,
I don't know just how,
But it's not over 'til you've won!

When you see the storm is coming,
See the lightning part the skies,
It's too late to run
There's terror in your eyes!
What you do then is remember
This old thing you heard me say:
"It's the storm, not you,
That's bound to blow away."

Hold on,
Hold on to someone standing by.
Hold on.
Don't even ask how long or why!
Child, hold on to what you know is true,
Hold on 'til you get through.
Child, oh child!
Hold on!

When you feel your heart is poundin',
Fear a devil's at your door.
There's no place to hide
You're frozen to the floor!
What you do then is you force yourself
To wake up, and you say:
"It's this dream, not me,
that's bound to go away."

Hold on,
Hold on, the night will soon be by.
Hold on,
Until there's nothing left to try.
Child, hold on, There's angels on their way!
Hold on and hear them say:
"Child, oh child!"

And it doesn't even matter
If the danger and the doom
Come from up above or down below,
Or just come flying
At you from across the room!

When you see a man who's raging,
And he's jealous and he fears
That you've walked through walls
He's hid behind for years.
What you do then is you tell yourself to wait it out
And say "it's this day, not me,
That's bound to go away."

Child, oh hold on.
It's this day, not you,
That's bound to go away!

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 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 unpledged 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 (all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

The Seasons *Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky* (1840 - 1893)

X. Autumn Song in D Minor

Yulia Yun, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1028

The Fire of Commitment

1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set free from fear.

*Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze When
our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way When we live with deep
assurance of the flame that burns within, Then our promise finds fulfillment and
our future can begin.*

2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

3. From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

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

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

Will the Circle Be Unbroken *Charles H. Gabriel* (1856 - 1932)
Yulia Yun, piano

Welcome, Families!

Today in Family Ministry, we'll be talking about the miracle of transformation. Children and youth of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to join us during the service. After the service, we will be eating lunch and playing games in the Perkins Room. Please join us!

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's 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.

November Share the Plate: Only a Child

Founded in Guatemala City in 1994 by Arlington Street member George Leger, Only a Child maintains a shelter and carpentry shop and insures an education for street kids. The shelter, housing up to a dozen guys at a time, is far more than a place to sleep; it provides a surrogate family in which the youth are taught responsibility and accountability and develop confidence and self-esteem. All of them work, many in the on-site shop, where they learn carpentry skills and produce finely crafted cedar boxes they sell to support the program. They also go to school. In a bid to maximize the kids' chances to leave the streets once and for all, we sponsor their tuition at high-quality independent schools and at university. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Ali Jablonsky*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*

Lead Usher, *Philip Roberts*

Worship Coordinator, *James Folen*

Assistant Treasurers, *Philip Roberts & Scott Schroeder*

Please silence your cell phone.

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.