

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 2020

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata K. 309 in C Major *W. A. Mozart* (1756 – 1791)

I. Allegro con Spirito

Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Vera O'Brien

Rev. Vera O'Brien served as an interfaith chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital for many years and at HopeHealth in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She was ordained at Arlington Street in 2007 during her time as our Lifespan Religious Educator and is one of our Affiliated Community Ministers.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Spirit of Life text and music: *Carolyn McDade* (b. 1935)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, vocals and ukulele

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

GREETINGS Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

HYMN 300

With Heart and Mind text: *Alicia S. Carpenter* (1930 – 1990)

tune: *Johann Hermann Schein* (1586 – 1630)

harmonization: *J. S. Bach* (1685 – 1750)

Hana Omori, soprano; Kazuhiro Omori, piano

With heart and mind and voice and hand

May we this time and place transcend

To make our purpose understood:

A mortal search for mortal good

A firm commitment to the goal

Of justice, freedom, peace for all

A mind that's free to seek the truth
A mind that's free in age and youth
To choose a path no threat impedes
Wherever light of conscience leads
Our martyrs died so we could be
A church where every mind is free

A heart that's kind, a heart whose search
Makes Love the spirit of our church
Where we can grow, and each one's gift
Is sanctified, and spirits lift
Where every door is open wide
For all who choose to step inside

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 350

The Ceaseless Flow of Endless Time..... text: *John Andrew Storey (1935 – 1997)*
music: *African American Spiritual*
harmonization: *Harry T. Burleigh (1866 – 1949)*

Tevan Goldberg, piano and vocals

The ceaseless flow of endless time
No one can check or stay
We'll view the past with no regret
Nor future with dismay

The present slips into the past
And dreamlike melts away
The breaking of tomorrow's dawn
Begins a new today

The past and future ever meet
In the eternal now:
To make each day a thing complete
Shall be our New Year vow

SERMON

Abundance Rev. Vera O'Brien

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Everything I Need *Melissa Ferrick* (b. 1970)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, ukulele and vocals

Well I got money in the bank
And I got a car to drive
And I got a working set of hands
That my guitar seems to like

Cause I got a love that won't quit
And I got time to rest
And I got a clear and able mind that sees my life
Going fine

Cause everything I need
Is right here in my hands
Right here in my hands
Right here in my hands

And I got a floor to dance on
And I got a phone to laugh in
And I got a tub to cry in
And I got a bed to hide in

But sometimes I only see what's wrong
Sometimes I'm convinced my god has up and gone
I'll never write a hit song
My love is going to leave me hanging

But everything I need
Is right here in my hands
Right here in my hands
Right here in my hands

I got money in the bank
And I got a car to drive
I got a love that won't quit
And I got a clear and able mind

Everything I need
Is right here in my hands
Right here in my hands
Right here in my hands

I got everything I need

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 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

I Got Plenty *Joey Levine* (b. 1947) & *Jim Carroll* (1949 – 2009)
as recorded by *Bonnie Raitt* (b. 1949)
arrangement: *Tevan Goldberg* (b. 1996)

Tevan Goldberg, piano and vocals

Did you get enough today
Did you give out any
Had a lots of things to do
Maybe just too many
And now the world is you
Taken all the dreams you knew
Come to me, I got plenty

Did you feel alone today
With your one and only
I had a lot of things to say
People make you lonely
You wonder what you're living on
You left with all your reasons gone
Count on me, I got plenty

You can count on me
I got plenty
Count on me

Got an invitation now
To come and join the party
Come in your individual
Not your everybody
And don't worry that you won't, you will
You've got an empty cup to fill

Count on me
Count on me
Cause I got plenty

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us text: *Sally Rogers*
music: *Traditional*; arrangement: *Betty A. Wylder (1923 – 1994)*

Hana Omori, soprano; Kazuhiro Omori, piano

Love will guide us, peace has tried us
Hope inside us will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving
Love will guide us through the hard night

If you cannot sing like angels
If you cannot speak before thousands
You can give from deep within you
You can change the world with your love

Love will guide us, peace has tried us
Hope inside us will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving
Love will guide us through the hard night

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

Happy *Pharrell Williams (b. 1973)*

Yulia Yun, organ

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