

Welcome to Arlington Street Church

TODAY – DECEMBER 29, 2019

Please take a moment to complete this card so that we may welcome you more fully to our congregation. Simply drop it into the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the service.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers _____

Email _____

Spouse/Partner _____

Children's Name(s) & Age(s) _____

- I/we are visiting for the first time.
- I/we have been attending ASC for _____
- I/we would like a permanent name tag(s) for Sunday worship. (Name tags are placed on a rack in the vestibule.)
- How did you hear about Arlington Street?

I prefer to be contacted by:

- Mail Phone Email No preference

I would like to know more about:

- Membership Classes/Joining ASC Choir/Music
- Social Action Children's Religious Education
- Adult Religious Education (Zen Center, The Wednesdays Literary Salon, Kundlini Yoga, Intersectional Book Group. etc.)
- Young Adult Group Other _____



Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Jenna Crawford*
Candles Chaplain, *Arthur Judge*
Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*
Lead Usher, *Mike Cournoyer*
Worship Coordinator, *Darrell Waters*
Assistant Treasurers, *Kevin Tyrrell & Deb Khobare*

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.

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Deb Pontes (chair) / Philip Roberts (vice-chair)
Joe Alen / Dan Brotman / Nikki DeRome
Reese Millican / Alan Rodgers
Julia Simon / Darrell Waters

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Liz Teixeira (treasurer) / Tom Anderson & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*
Rev. Beth Robbins, *Executive Minister*
Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*

Community Ministers

Ali Jablonsky
Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center
Dr. Arthur Judge
Hospital Chaplain, retired
Rev. Erica Rose Long
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Minister, All Souls Church, Braintree
Chaplain, Wellesley College

Rev. Vera O'Brien
Chaplain, HopeHealth
Sandwich and Martha's Vineyard

Rev. Fred Small
Minister for Climate Justice

TIFFANY WINDOWS

The 2015 restoration of Arlington Street Church's Tiffany stained glass windows was made possible through the generous support of this congregation, an anonymous donor, and the George B. Henderson Foundation. The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows will resume in April 2020. For more information, please visit www.asctiffany.org.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*
Yulia Yun, *Collaborative Pianist*
Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, *Soprano*
Hana Omori, *Alto*
Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*
Tevan Goldberg, *Bass*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*
Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*
Brad Nobles, *Sexton*
Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

8 Unitarian Universalist PRINCIPLES

1. The inherent WORTH and DIGNITY of every being
2. JUSTICE, EQUITY, and COMPASSION in all relations
3. ACCEPTANCE of one another and encouragement of SPIRITUAL GROWTH
4. A free and responsible search for TRUTH and MEANING
5. The right of CONSCIENCE and the use of the DEMOCRATIC process
6. The goal of world community with PEACE, LIBERTY, and JUSTICE for all
7. RESPECT for the INTERDEPENDENT WEB of which we are a part
8. Building BELOVED COMMUNITY by dismantling racism and oppression within ourselves and our world

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Arlington Street Church
Boston, Massachusetts
Founded in 1729

Gathered in love and service for justice and peace

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 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

Primavera *Ludovico Einaudi* (b. 1955)
Dawn *Dario Marianelli* (b. 1963)
Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 290

Bring, O Past, Your Honor

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.
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*HYMN 352

Find a Stillness

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

CANTICLE

Breathe *Mary Holladay Lamar & Stephanie Kay Bentley*
recorded by: *Alexi Murdoch* (b. 1973)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

SERMON

Breathe Rev. Vera O'Brien

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

Breathe (2 AM) *Ann Nalick* (b. 1984)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

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

Deux Arabesques L. 66
I. Andantino con moto *Claude Debussy* (1862 – 1918)
Yulia Yun, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 6

Just as Long as I Have Breath

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Rev. Beth Robbins, Mark David Buckles, Director of Music, and the Arlington Street Choir are away today and look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

*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

Theme from *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* *Manaka Kataoka*
Yulia Yun, piano

In the Pulpit Today

Rev. Vera O'Brien is an interfaith chaplain at HopeHealth and serves patients at the McCarthy Care Center in Sandwich and on Martha's Vineyard.

She was ordained at Arlington Street Church in 2007 while serving as our Lifespan Religious Educator. *Welcome home and thank you, Rev. Vera!*

Welcome, Families!

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 is on your left before the stairs.

Share the Plate: Friday Night Supper Program

The Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Since then, every Friday night, they have provided nutritious, home-cooked meals to Boston's hungry and unhoused people.

Through the end of the year, our Share the Plate offering will be given to the Friday Night Supper Program. They will be serving a festive holiday meal and distributing warm clothing and goodies to their guests, and will continue to provide hot meals and outerwear throughout the winter. *Thank you for your generosity!*