

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 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

Take the High Road *David Lanz* (b. 1950)

No More Tears *David Nevue* (b. 1965)

Don't Give Up *Peter Gabriel* (b. 1950)

Linli Wang, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

INTROIT

Rise Up *Andra Day* (b. 1984) and *Jennifer DeCilveo*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

***GREETINGS**

***HYMN 168**

One More Step

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

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

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 112**

Do You Hear?

SERMON

Nevertheless, She Persisted Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Quiet *MILCK* (b. 1986)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 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

Overcome *David Nevue* (b. 1965)

Linli Wang, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN**

I Am Willing *Holly Near* (b. 1949)

***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, and with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

Ain't No Mountain High Enough *Nickolas Ashford* (1941 - 2011)
and *Valerie Simpson* (b. 1946)
arranged by *Phillip Keveren*

Linli Wang, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! There is no formal children's programming today, but childcare is available in the chapel. There is also a nursery/playroom available with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. To find the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery is the room on your left before the stairs.

February Share the Plate: Renewal House

Renewal House, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, has provided temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to more than 1,000 individuals and families escaping domestic violence since 1980. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state to provide shelter for male as well as female survivors and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House works closely with other programs that serve the LGBTQI communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities, to support these under-served populations.

Among its many programs, Renewal House offers a 24-hour hotline, bilingual support groups and pastoral counseling, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, job training, and community outreach education. Thank you for your generous support!

Rev. Kim, Laura Evonne Steinman, Mark David Buckles,
and the choir are away this Sunday. They look forward
to seeing you next week!