

# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

## **PRELUDE**

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie (she/her), Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

## **INTROIT**

We believe in acceptance of one another And encouragement of spiritual growth

COVENANT RENEWAL ~ All In!....Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her), Executive Minister



In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our covenant of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. There's still time to make your pledge for 2024/25 at <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/PledgeAllIn">tinyurl.com/PledgeAllIn</a>

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

## \*HYMN

We shall be known by the company we keep By the ones who circle round to tend these fires We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary ....... John W. Thompson (b. 1950) & Randy Scruggs (1953–2018) adaptation: Crawford Harvie/Buckles arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary With thanksgiving, I'll be a living All made holy, loved, and true Sanctuary for you

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance at ASCBoston.org.

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 out 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

Singing the Spirit Home ...... Eric Bogle (b. 1944)

Courage, my friend, you do not go alone We will, go with you, and sing your spirit home

Justice...

Freedom...

Patience...

Dignity...

If not now, then when, you do not go alone We will, go as one, and sing your spirit home We will, go as one, and sing your spirit home

## **SERMON**

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

## **ANTHEM**

I need you

You need me I pray for you We're all a part of G\*d's body You pray for me

Stand with me I love you

Agree with me I need you to survive We're all a part of G\*d's body I won't harm you

It is his will that every need be supplied With words from my mouth

You are important to me I love you

I need you to survive I need you to survive

## **OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Since 1729, the support of our community has allowed Arlington Street to thrive as a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. This congregation is entirely self-supporting. In addition, we share each Sunday's collection with a partner in our vital mission. It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformational generosity. Please consider making a special gift to this morning's offering.

## WAYS TO GIVE



- 1. Scan the QR code
- 2. Visit <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>
- 3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
- 4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
- 5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at <u>tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u> or by contacting Liz Teixeira at

Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. Rev. Kim, Rev. Beth, and many of our most devoted members and friends pledge 5-10% of their income each year. In addition, we encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

# MARCH SHARE THE PLATE: STANDING TOGETHER ~ OMDIM BEYACHAD-NAQIF MA'AN

Standing Together is comprised of Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel who, in their own words, are "fighting for the soul and humanity of our society and for freedom and peace for all. Our future here is shared, and in order to guarantee a life here for all of us, we must do it together.... The harsh reality is that decades of [the current policies] have not made anyone any safer — not Jews, and not Palestinians. It is crucial that our society begins to understand that the only way to achieve security is through peace — and as long as we aren't working toward that, nobody will ever have security." After the October 7th attacks, they wrote: "Prolonged war = Palestinians in Gaza continue to die; Israeli hostages' lives are put at risk. Ceasefire agreement and hostage release deal = Save innocent lives in Gaza; hostages return home alive. It's actually that simple. It's either both of us or neither of us."

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## **OFFERTORY**

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals There is hope in our eyes
When we truly see each other
Like the light of countless stars
We are not afraid of the dark
'Cause there is hope in our hearts
And every single beat, we feel it
To the ends of the earth
Our echo carries on

We are sacred, we are strong We are beautiful, we belong Please hear our unheard song

There is hope in our voice When we listen to each other Barriers disappeared With every story told We are sacred, we are strong We are beautiful, we belong Please hear our unheard song

There is hope in our eyes When we truly see each other We raise our flag, lift our voice

This is our moment
We are sacred, we are strong
This is our moment
We are beautiful, we belong
This is our moment
We are worthy, we are true
This is our moment
There are no borders from this view
Please help us raise our flag

There is hope in our eyes When we truly see each other

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

## \*HYMN

You can play the game, you can act out the part,
Though you know it wasn't written for you
But tell me how can you stand there with your broken heart,
Ashamed of playing the fool?
One thing can be to another, it doesn't take any sacrifice
Oh, father and mother, sister and brother,
If it feels nice, don't think twice

#### Chorus

Shower the people you love with love Show them the way that you feel Things are gonna work out fine If you only will Shower the people you love with love Show them the way you feel Things are gonna be much better If you only will

You can run but you cannot hide, this is widely known, But what you plan to do with your foolish pride, When you're all by yourself alone? Once you tell somebody the way that you feel, You can feel it beginning to ease, I think it's true what they say about the squeaky wheel, Always getting the grease, better to...

## Chorus

Shower the people you love with love Show them the way that you feel

They say in every life, they say the rain must fall Just like pouring rain, make it rain Make it rain, love, love, love is sunshine!

## BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

#### RECESSIONAL

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, beloved

Where you go I will go

Your people are my people

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine

#### **POSTLUDE**



\* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish, we follow the tradition of not spelling out G\*d's name.

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