

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2018

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candles Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candles Cards are collected until the end of greetings.

PRELUDE

Hymn in C Major *Timothy Dusenbury* (b. 1982)
arrangement: *Daniel Padgett*

Lyric Pieces, Op. 12 *Edvard Grieg* (1843 - 1907)
III. Watchman's Song

The Letting Go *Daniel Padgett* (b. 1979)
Daniel Padgett, piano

INTROIT

Keep on Moving Forward *Pat Humphries* (b. 1960)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 9

No Longer Forward Nor Behind

1 No longer forward nor behind I look in hope or fear; but, grateful, take the good I find, the best of now and here. I break my pilgrim staff, I lay aside the toiling oar; the angel sought so far away I welcome at my door.

2 For all the jarring notes of life seem blending in a psalm, and all the angles of its strife slow rounding into calm. And so the shadows fall apart, and so the west winds play; and all the windows of my heart I open to the day.

NEW MEMBER JOINING CEREMONY

Responsive Reading #442, We Bid You Welcome

We bid you welcome, who come with weary spirit seeking rest.

___ *Who come with troubles that are too much with you,*

___ *Who come hurt and afraid.*

We bid you welcome, who come with hope in your heart.

___ *Who come with anticipation in your step,*

___ *Who come proud and joyous.*

We bid you welcome, who are seekers of a new faith.

___ *Who come to probe and explore.*

___ *Who come to learn.*

We bid you welcome, who enter this hall as a homecoming,

___ *Who have found here room for your spirit.*

___ *Who find in this people a family.*

Whoever you are, whatever you are,

Wherever you are on your journey,

___ *We bid you welcome.*

- *Richard S. Gilbert*

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	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos
To dwell together in peace,	comprometemos:
To speak our truths in love,	Convivir en paz,
And to help one another.	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,

*HYMN 1068

Rising Green

1. My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak, her sap doth run in my veins. Boundless my soul like the open sky where the stars forever have lain. Where the stars, where the stars, where the stars forever have lain.
2. My hands hold the weavings of time without end, my sight as deep as the sea. Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old, that of love's eternity. That of love, that of love, that of love's eternity.
3. I feel the tides as they answer the moon, rushing on a far distant sand. Winging my song is the wind of my breast and my love blows over the land. And my love, and my love, and my love blows over the land.
4. My foot carries days of the old into new, our dreaming shows us the way. Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth, rising green to bring a new day. Rising green, rising green, rising green to bring a new day.

SERMON

National Get Over It Day Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Road Home text: *Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)*
music: *Stephen Paulus (1949 - 2014)*

Katie Elledge, soprano

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, Oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?
After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.
Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
With love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong,
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 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

The Heart of the Matter *Mike Campbell* (b. 1950),
J. D. Souther (b. 1945) and *Don Henley* (b. 1947)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Daniel Padgett, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN

Let Go *DeWayne Woods* (b. 1975)

Just when I stop worrying
Wondering how the story ends
I let go and I let love
Let love lead the way
That's when things started happening
When I stopped looking at back then
I let go and I let love
Let love lead the way.

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, walk humbly in God's care.*

POSTLUDE

Draw the Circle Wide *Mark A. Miller*

Daniel Padgett, piano

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

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

For today's intergenerational worship, children and youth are invited to sit with their families or join Erica and Beth in the balcony to enjoy the service with sermon bingo, coloring, and some of our favorite stuffed animal friends. Kids will head up to the balcony as we sing *Rising Green* and return during our closing hymn, *Let Go*.

Allie and Lena are available in the nursery to care for babies and small children. To find the nursery, 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.

March Share the Plate: Rise Against Hunger

For the fifth year in a row, we are teaming up with Rise Against Hunger to advance their powerful mission of eradicating world hunger by 2030!

On the afternoon of April 8th, we are transforming the Parish Hall into an all-ages assembly line. In just a few hours, we will package rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins into an astonishing 20,088 meals. To be successful, this event requires our participation in packing the meals as well as a significant financial investment. Please give generously to ensure that we can meet our goal of sending love and nourishment to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Thank you for your generosity!