

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2020

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Mark David Buckles, piano

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Please say hello in the chat!

CHALICE LIGHTING

Yes *William Stafford (1914 – 1993)*

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

HYMN

Comfort Me *Mimi Bornstein-Doble (b. 1964)*

1. Comfort me, comfort me,
Comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me,
Comfort me, oh my soul.
2. Sing with me...
3. Breath with me...
4. Dance with me...
5. Comfort me...

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

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance [here](#). During the service, participants are invited to share sorrows and joys with the community via the live chat feature.

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 318

Building Bridges music: *Contemporary Quaker Round*
text: *The women of the Greenham Common Peace Occupation*

Building bridges between our divisions
I reach out to you, will you reach out to me?
With all of our voices, and all of our visions,
Friends, we could make such sweet harmony.

SERMON

A Declaration of Interdependence Rev. Fred Small

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and 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

Swimming to the Other Side text and music: *Pat Humphries* (b. 1960)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

HYMN

Come With Me *Joe Jencks*

I feel the current raging around me
Try to summon up my strength once more
I am weary on this journey
Afraid I will not reach that distant shore

I cry for help, feel like I'm sinking
There is no one near me I can see
But there you are in the water with me
You take my hand and guide me graciously

Chorus

*Will you come with me on this journey
With every breath we take keep reaching for the dawn
I know alone, I will falter
With a good friend near me I will carry on*

There is a kindness in your smile
And gentleness within your speech
You reassure me your love surrounds me
And I know safety is at last within my reach

Chorus

It's an illusion we carry with us
As we wade on through the waters of our lives
That we must be strong and hold our own here
But a helping hand will save us by and by

Chorus

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

CLOSING MUSIC

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
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

Improvisation
Mark David Buckles, piano

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