



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts  
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SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

*Happy Purim!*

This morning's flowers are given by Fran Peterson  
in loving memory of her bride,  
*Michelle M. Buteau*  
1956–2020

Michelle was as kind and loving as the days are long.  
Michelle never missed an opportunity to give out a hug, a compliment,  
or place a hand on an arm during hard times.

Michelle always lent a hand to family, friends, and strangers,  
and was often found making breakfast for a homeless man  
she encountered on her way to work.

Michelle had a very generous spirit, even in the worst time of her life.

When she was sick, she was still worried about others,  
and at the end of her life, she was an organ donor helping many people.

Michelle loved nature, taking walks, and being at the ocean  
in any type of weather.

Michelle loved to garden, and at one point in her life,  
she owned and operated a flower shop.

Michelle was a woman of many talents  
– decorating, cooking, painting, and gardening –  
but most importantly, it was her ability to make people feel loved  
and as if they were the only person in the room.

On what would have been her 68th birthday,  
I hope she is somewhere eating cake, sitting at the ocean  
and listening to children laugh.

**PRELUDE**

With All My Heart ..... *Babbie Mason* (b. 1955)  
The Time, Penetrated ..... *Kanghyun Kim*  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

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

**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**

The Year's at the Spring ..... text: *Robert Browning* (1812–1889)  
music: *Amy Beach* (1867–1944)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano  
Hyunju Jung, piano

The year's at the spring,  
And day's at the morn;  
Morning's at seven;  
The hill-side's dew-pearl'd;  
The lark's on the wing;  
The snail's on the thorn;  
G\*d's in His heaven—  
All's right with the world!

**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 [tinyurl.com/PledgeAllIn](https://tinyurl.com/PledgeAllIn)

**GREETINGS ..... Marie O'Brien (she/they), Worship Coordinator**

**\*HYMN 40**

The Morning Hangs a Signal ..... text: *William Channing Gannett* (1840–1923), rev.  
music: *William Lloyd* (1786–1852)

The morning hangs a signal upon the mountain crest,  
While all the sleeping valleys in silent darkness rest.  
From peak to peak it flashes, it laughs along the sky,  
Till glory of the sunlight on all the land shall lie.

Above the generations the lonely prophets rise,  
While truth flares as the daystar within their glowing eyes;  
And other eyes, beholding, are kindled from that flame;

And dawn becomes the morning, when prophets love proclaim.  
The soul has lifted moments, above the drift of days,  
When life's great meaning breaketh in sunrise on our ways.  
Behold the radiant token of faith above all fear;  
Night shall release its splendor that morning shall appear.

### 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  
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 at [ASCBoston.org](http://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

Life Calls Us On ..... text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)  
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Here in reverence now we gather  
For the blessings we have known,  
With a pledge to one another  
That we journey not alone.  
Joy and sorrow make us wise,  
Kin to all that lives and dies;  
Love calls us on, love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us  
Waken here to keep us strong;  
Blend our voices in the chorus  
Of creation's living song.  
Courage bids us lift our eyes  
Upward to the shining skies;  
Hope calls us on, hope calls on.

Loyal guides in love and duty  
Lead us with a trusted light;  
Blest are they whose inward beauty  
Shows the path of truth and right.  
Honor is their earthly prize;  
By their work we realize,  
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour  
When the truth has made us free,  
And the spirit's gracious power  
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.  
Bright the path before us lies  
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;  
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

**SERMON** ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie  
**Part I. The Biblical Book of Esther**  
(excluding many important details, subplots, and hard-to-pronounce names)

**INTERLUDE**  
Theme from *Superman* ..... *John Williams* (b. 1932)  
Joe Della Penna (he/him, Jazz Artist in Residence), piano

**Part II. For Such a Time As This**

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**  
Souvent la vérité timide from *Esther*..... *Élisabeth Jacquet de La Guerre* (1665–1729)  
Hannah Shanefield, soprano  
Christopher Hernandez (he/him), double bass

Souvent la vérité divine du trône n'ose s'approcher ;  
Si vous voulez qu'elle vous guide, roys, c'est à vous de la chercher ;  
Chassez le mensonge perfide, qui la force de se cacher.

Often, shy truth dares not approach the throne.  
If you desire her as your guide, oh kings, it's up to you to seek her.  
Chase away the perfidious lies, who force truth to hide herself.

## 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 [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC)
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 [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira at [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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."

To make your gift, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC); scan the QR code; or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY

Maybe the Moon ..... *Joe Della Penna* (b. 1968)  
Joe Della Penna (Jazz Artist in Residence), piano

*dedicated to Armistead Maupin*

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 1028

The Fire of Commitment..... text: *Rev. Mary Katherine Morn* (b. 1961)  
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear

### Chorus

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty

### Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

### Chorus

## BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

### RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) ..... *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Where you go I will go, beloved	For your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your people are mine
Where you go I will go, beloved	Your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your divine, my divine

### POSTLUDE

From the Rising of the Sun ..... *Paul S. Deming*  
Hyunju Jung, piano



*\* 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.*

### Flowers on the High Pulpit

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love.

You can have flowers delivered or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space). Please email [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org) to claim your date! *Thank you!*

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