

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 HAPPY COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY!



PRELUDE

Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him; Artist in Residence), organ

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

Alleluya *Gustav Holst* (1874–1934) Hyunju Jung (she/her), organ

GREETINGS Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her), Executive Minister

*HYMN 347

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

Gather the spirit, harvest the power
Our separate fires will kindle one flame
Witness the mystery of this hour
Our trials in this light appear all
the same

Gather the spirit of heart and mind Seeds for the sowing are laid in store Nurtured in love, and conscience refined With body and spirit united once more

Chorus

Gather in peace, gather in thanks
Gather in sympathy now and then
Gather in hope, compassion,
and strength
Gather to celebrate once again

Chorus

Gather the spirit growing in all Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun Winter to spring, and summer to fall The chorus of life resounding as one

Chorus

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.

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.

COVENANT RENEWAL 2024 ~ All In! Elizabeth, Joseph, & River Lark-Riley 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. *Happy Covenant Renewal Sunday! All In!*

*HYMN 1010

Andrew Stack (he/him), baritone Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day For all gathered here, and those far away For this time we share with love and care Oh, we give thanks for this precious day

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Draw the Circle Wide text: *Rev. Gordon Light* (b. 1944) music: *Mark A. Miller*

Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano

Draw the circle wide No one stands alone We'll stand side by side Draw the circle wide

COVENANT RENEWAL

Today, Arlington Street members and friends renew our great covenant to love and service and make financial pledges to sustain our beloved spiritual community. You are invited to pledge for the coming fiscal year at tinyurl.com/PledgeAllIn

If you're having any issues, our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, is standing by to help right now. Please text or call her at (617) 686-1232.

This afternoon, a member of the Reverse Telethon Team will call to confirm the details of your pledge and say thank you!

Thank you for your generosity!



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
- 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, they say, 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."

To make your gift, please visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; scan the QR code above; 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

Mark David Buckle (he/him), guitar and vocals Bek Zehr, vocals

Give a little bit
Give a little bit of your love to me
I'll give a little bit
I'll give a little bit of my love to you
There's so much that we need
to share
So send a smile and show you care

I'll give a little bit I'll give a little bit of my life for you So give a little bit Give a little bit of your time to me See the man with the lonely eyes Oh, take his hand, you'll be surprised

Give a little bit
Give a little bit of your love to me
I'll give a little bit
I'll give a little bit of my life to you
Now's the time that we need to share
So find yourself, we're on our way
back home

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

FANFARE: TODAY'S GRAND TOTAL

*HYMN

What would you think if I sang out of tune? Would you stand up and walk out on me? Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song And I'll try not to sing out of key

Chorus

Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends
Mm, I get high with a little help from my friends
Mm, I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

Do you need anybody? I need somebody to love Could it be anybody? I want somebody to love

What do I do when my love is away?

Does it worry you to be alone?

How do I feel by the end of the day? Are you sad because you're on your own?

Chorus

Do you need anybody? I need somebody to love Could it be anybody? I want somebody to love

Chorus

Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends With a little help from my friends

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

For your people are my people

Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE

Preludium in D Major, BWV 532 *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685–1750) Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

