ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

HAPPY BOSTON MARATHON!

This morning's pulpit flowers are given in celebration of the dedication of Reeya Grace Khobare by her parents, Deb & Paritosh Khobare

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

Springtime text: Rainer Maria Rilke (1875–1926) translation: Elaine de Sinçay music: Paul Hindemith (1895–1963)

O song that from the sap art pouring And through the sounding board Of all this greenwood art soaring, Amplify our brief tone,

The dying strain restoring.

'Tis but few measures' duration
That we share the fantasy,
The endless variation

Of thy long ecstasy, O nature, fount of creation.

After our song is ended,
Others will assume the part,
But meanwhile how can I tender
Unto thee all my heart in full
surrender?

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

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

DEDICATION OF REEYA GRACE KHOBARE

Daughter of Deb & Paritosh Khobare

*HYMN

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

Let go, let 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 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.

*HYMN 348

Guide my feet while I run this race Guide my feet while I run this race Guide my feet while I run this race For I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand...

Stand by me...

Search my heart...

Guide my feet...

BLESSING OF THE RUNNERS

SERMON

Lay Your Burden Down Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Calm is the sea; let us go;

Everything is reassuring;

We shall have good fortune;

Come, come, let us leave at once!

Placido è il mar, andiamo; Tutto ci rassicura.

Felice avrem ventura, Sù, sù, partiamo or or'.

Soavi zeffiri Blow.

Soli spirate, Gentle breezes only; DeI freddo borea Calm the anger

L'ira calmate. Of the icy north wind;

D'aura piacevole Be generous

Cortesi siate, With your pleasing breath

Se da voi spargesi Which spreads
Per tutto amor. Love everywhere.

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!

APRIL SHARE THE PLATE: SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are part of an international order of queer, clown nuns who pledge "to promulgate universal joy and eliminate stigmatic guilt." Their ministry is to serve through education, entertainment, and activism. Their creed says, "We love you. We adore you. We respect you. We protect you. We serve you. We are your Sisters."

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

Hard Times *Gillian Welch* (b. 1967) & *David Rawlings* (b. 1969) Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), banjo and vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 201

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah Traditional African American Hymn

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burden down

Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah" Since I laid my burden down...

Life is sweeter, so much sweeter...

Feel like dancing, hallelujah!...

Love is shining all around me...

Glory, glory, hallelujah...!

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

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

Let it Go, from *Frozen Kristen Anderson-Lopez* (b. 1972) & *Robert Lopez* (b. 1975) Hyunju Jung, piano

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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 to claim your date! *Thank you!*

This Spring at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

Saturday, May 4th, 6:00 pm ~ Annual Spring Gala

You are invited to our big, sparkly Spring Gala — delicious food, signature cocktails and mocktails, jazz, fabulous auction items, and dancing with a live DJ! We'll be celebrating Rev. Kim's 35 years of ministry. Buy your tickets or make a donation at https://givebutter.com/c/ASCgala.

Friday, May 17th, 12:00 pm ~ 20th Anniversary of Marriage Equality It's been twenty years since Arlington Street hosted the first legal same-sex wedding in a church in the United States! We're working with partners in the movement to plan a fitting celebration. More soon!

Sunday, May 19th, 11:00 am ~ Groundbreaking Celebration

A plan is afoot for a celebration of the \$750,000 capital grant from the National Park Service in recognition of Arlington Street's role in queer history. Stay tuned!

Sunday, May 19th, 1:00 pm ~ Retirement Luncheon Honoring Rev. Kim Queen Cheryl and her team invite you to a special luncheon celebrating our beloved Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie. Join us for an afternoon of songs, stories, and gifts as we express our gratitude for the countless ways Rev. Kim has touched our lives. The luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall and will begin after the Corporation Meeting.

Saturday, June 8th, 11:00 am ~ PRIDE!

Join the fun as our annual pre-parade service kicks off Boston's Pride celebration. As always, all people of good heart are welcome!