



**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

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Happy Passover!

*Chag Same'ach!*

Today's flowers are given by  
Rebecca Parkhill and Robert Willett  
in memory of Rebecca's mom Alorie.

Alorie was a beloved mother, wife, grandmother,  
teacher, singer, playwright, and friend.  
She died at the age of 75 in a car accident.

She was very important to and involved with her grandchildren and  
we miss her especially this spring as her grandson Luka Willett is graduating from  
Brown University with a concentration in English,  
which is what she taught at the Cambridge School of Weston.

We love you, Mom and Grandmummy.  
Your memory is a blessing to us.

**PRELUDE**

Campfire ..... *Jihun Lee* (b. 1996)  
Gathered Here, Within this Place ..... *Don Besig* (b. 1936)  
arrangement: *Soomin Choi*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie (she/her), Senior Minister  
Darrell Waters (he/him), Worship Coordinator

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

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

## INTROIT

We Shall Be Known ..... *Karisha Longaker* (b. 1976)  
from *MaMuse*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We shall be known by the company we keep  
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires  
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap  
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive  
It is time we lead ourselves into the well  
It is time now, and what a time to be alive  
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love  
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**AMONG TEAM: OUR COVENANT** ..... Lois Hartsough  
and the *Among* Team

Between 2020 and 2023, many people from Arlington Street participated in “Beloved Conversations *Within*,” a program of Meadville Lombard Theological School which involves learning about racism and ethnicity. *Within* is done on Zoom and includes different curricula for white people and for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color). Participants met in learning pods with individuals from all over the United States. If this piques your interest, the [\*Within\*](#) program is ongoing and offered twice yearly, in the spring and the fall.

In 2023, the Arlington Street Church Transformation Team for Racial Justice applied to do “Beloved Conversations *Among*.” Between 2023 and 2025, the *Among* program will address racial justice issues and congregation-wide change. The *Among* team includes twenty people who completed *Within* and are working with a coach from First Parish Dorchester (Rev. Elka Carrier-Ladd). This work is for the whole Arlington Street Church congregation and the *Among* team hopes for your support and participation.

Today, members of the *Among* team – familiar faces to many of you – will share our covenant. To begin, you will hear from *Among* team member Lois Hartsough, who believed in the work so much that she provided the financial support to make it possible.

## Arlington Street Church *Among* Covenant

### **Purpose**

We, the members of the Arlington Street Church *Among* Team, will work to make our Among Team and our broader spiritual community a safer space for people of color to enter and to thrive, a place for liberation and justice, and a place for all to grow in anti-racism.

We believe community and caring is more important than productivity.

We will center the needs and voices of BIPOC and strive to actively create more space for BIPOC members of the group.

We will be transformed in the service of the work.

### **Presence and Participation**

We will be open-minded, not defensive, and we will work from a place of caring.

We will practice radical hospitality; we will make space, take space, and share space.

We recognize that, if we share often, we can allow ourselves to be silent; and, if we tend to be silent, we can allow ourselves to find our voices.

We will respect each other's identities, stories, and boundaries.

We believe there is no one right way.

We will reflect, be curious, be our whole selves, and be brave in facing our fear of making mistakes.

We will do our best to avoid making assumptions.

We will learn from each other and teach each other, sharing ideas, experience, and wisdom.

We believe each person's experience has meaning.

We believe there is always enough time to do the right work.

### **Conflict Resolution**

We recognize that harm is inevitable and repair is possible. When we cause harm to one another, we commit to repair the conflict individually, with support, and communally.

We will approach mistakes, failures, and conflict as opportunities for growth.

We will use conflict resolution as an opportunity for kindness, growth, shared leadership, and open and honest communication.

We will communicate clearly, openly, and honestly; we will keep issues from getting too big.

**Trust**

We will build trust through our relationships and our work.

We will hold ourselves and each other in love.

**\*Hymn 153**

Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom

*African American Spiritual*

Oh, I woke up this morning  
with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Woke up this morning with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Woke up this morning with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia

I was singing and praying  
with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Singing and praying with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Singing and praying with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

I was walking and talking  
with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Walking and talking with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Walking and talking with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah

Oh, I woke up this morning  
with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Woke up this morning with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Woke up this morning with my mind  
(And it was stayed) stayed on freedom  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

**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

## 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 271

Come Down, O Love Divine .....text: *Bianco da Siena* (c. 1350–1399)  
translation: *Richard Frederick Littledale* (1833–1890), alt.  
music: *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872–1958)

Come down, O Love divine  
Seek thou this soul of mine  
And visit it with thine own  
    ardor glowing  
O Comforter, draw near  
Within my heart appear  
And kindle it, thy holy  
    flame bestowing  
  
O let it freely burn  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its  
    heat consuming

And let its glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight  
And clothe me round, the while my  
    path illuming  
  
And so the glory strong  
For which the soul will long  
Shall far outpass the power of  
    human telling  
  
For none can guess its grace  
Till we become the place  
Wherein the holy spirit makes a dwelling

### SERMON

Around the Campfire ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

### SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Kindling: Small Reflections on a Limitless Faith ..... *Elizabeth Alexander* (b. 1962)  
VI. Where Belief Begins  
Epilogue

It comes down to this, in the end.

And in the beginning and middle as well:

Earth, generous and visceral,

Manifested in mountains and hidden within clouds,

Familiar to rhizomes and young knees.

Air and Water, faithful channels of change,

Whose currents and cycles nudge germination

All the way through to rot and back again.

What's more, there's Fire, dazzling and improbable,

Not only in the cores of planets and stars

But also in the hollow where belief begins.

Our search for kindling takes us far beyond ourselves –

There we gather Truth and Mystery.

We return in joy to tend the chalice of our hearts.

## 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!*

## 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](http://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

I Am Sending You Light ..... *Melanie DeMore* (b. 1954)

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

No matter where you go  
No matter where you've been  
You'll never walk alone  
I feel you deep within

So I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

No matter what you feel  
Or what you choose to show  
I'm always there for you  
And so I want you to know

That I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

I walk the path with you  
Go slow dear one don't hurry  
I'll go just like you need to go  
There is no need to worry

Cause I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

I am sending you light,  
to heal you, to hold you

I am sending you light,  
to hold you in love

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN

Set a Fire ..... *Will Reagan* (b. 1990)

Set a fire down in my soul	There's no place I would rather be
That I can't contain and I can't control	There's no place I would rather be
I want more of you, love	There's no place I would rather be
I want more of you, love	Than here in your love,
	here in your love!

## 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

Give Love ..... *Chanhyuk Lee* (b. 1996)  
Hyunju Jung, piano



### 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!*