



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

The pulpit flowers are given by
Danny Fournier
in loving memory of his mother,
Patricia (Patty Jo) Rufrano.
Happy 87th Birthday, Mom!

PRELUDE

Suite Bergamasque *Claude Debussy* (1826–1918)

I. Prélude

III. Clair de Lune

IV. Passepied

Yulia Yun (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

The Fourth Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Andrew Stack (he/him), baritone

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

GREETINGS Lucy Humphrey (she/her), Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 151**

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free music: *Billy Taylor* (1921–2010)

text: *Billy Taylor & Dick Dalls* (1937–2004)

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

I wish I knew how it would feel to be free
I wish I could break all these chains holding me
I wish I could say all the things I could say
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear
Say 'em loud, say 'em clear for the whole world to hear

I wish I could share all the love in my heart
Remove all the bars that still keep us apart
I wish you could know what it means to be me
Then you'd see and agree everyone should be free
Then you'd see and agree everyone should be free

I wish I could give all I'm longing to give
I wish I could live like I'm longing to live
I wish I could do all the things I can do
Though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew
Though I'm way overdue I'd be starting anew

I wish I could be like a bird in the sky
How sweet it would be if I found I could fly
I'd soar to the sun and look down at the sea
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free
Then I'd sing 'cause I'd know how it feels to be free

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 12

O Life That Maketh All Things New text: *Samuel Longfellow* (1819–1892)
music: *Traditional English Melody*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

O Life that maketh all things new,
The blooming earth, our
thoughts within,
Our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew,
In gladness hither turn again.

One in the freedom of the truth,
One in the joy of paths untrod,
One in the soul's perennial youth,
One in the larger thought of G*d;

From hand to hand the greeting flows,
From eye to eye the signals run,
From heart to heart the bright
hope glows,
The seekers of the light are one:

The freer step, the fuller breath,
The wide horizon's grander view,
The sense of life that knows no death,
The Life that maketh all things new,

The Life that maketh all things new.

SERMON

I Call That Mind Free Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

I Call That Mind Free text: *William Ellery Channing* (1780–1842)
music: *Henry Leland Clarke* (1907–1992)

I call that mind free which masters the senses,
and which recognizes its own reality and greatness:
I call that mind free which jealously guards its intellectual rights and powers,
which does not content itself with a passive or hereditary faith:
Which opens itself to light whencesoever it may come;

which receives new truth as an angel from heaven.
I call that mind free which protects itself against the usurpations of society,
and which does not cower to human opinion:
Which refuses to be the slave or tool of the many or of the few,
and guards its empire over itself as nobler than the empire of the world.
I call that mind free which sets no bounds to its love, which,
wherever they are seen, delights in virtue and sympathizes with suffering:
I call that mind free which has cast off all fear but fear of wrongdoing,
and which no menace or peril can enthrall:
Which is calm in the midst of tumults,
and possesses itself, though all else be lost.

A Note on Today's Anthem:

Henry Leland Clarke was a composer and professor of music, born in Dover, NH. Clarke's teachers included Gustav Holst (at Harvard) and Nadia Boulanger (in Paris). When Unitarianism and Universalism merged in 1961, Clarke was the principle composer tasked with creating the first new hymnal for the faith, *Hymns for the Celebration of Life* (1964). In addition to operas and several important theoretical treatises, Clarke wrote many choral pieces, often drawing upon texts by important thinkers and poets central to our religion such as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Sara Teasdale, and, of course, William Ellery Channing. Clarke composed this piece in 1979 in Deerfield, MA, where he lived most of his later life. This copy of the manuscript was engraved by Eleanor Billings at the UU Church in Wakefield, MA. I discovered the score several months ago when sorting through the many old boxes of sheet music that had been gathering dust for decades, and I am delighted to be able to share it with you (and the world) once again, all these years later!

-Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

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.



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If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC 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

Unwritten *Natasha Bedingfield* (b. 1981),
Danielle Brisebois (b. 1969), & *Wayne Rodrigues*

- Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals
- Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals
- Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals
- Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion
- Yulia Yun (she/her), piano

I am unwritten
 Can't read my mind
 I'm undefined
 I'm just beginning

The pen's in my hand
Ending unplanned

Chorus

Staring at the blank page before you
Open up the dirty window
Let the sun illuminate the words that you could not find
Reaching for something in the distance
So close you can almost taste it
Release your inhibitions

Feel the rain on your skin
No one else can feel it for you
Only you can let it in
No one else, no one else
Can speak the words on your lips
Drench yourself in words unspoken
Live your life with arms wide open
Today is where your book begins
The rest is still unwritten

I break tradition
Sometimes my tries are outside the lines
We've been conditioned to not make mistakes
But I can't live that way

Chorus

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

People Have the Power *Fred Smith* (1949–1994) & *Patti Smith* (b. 1946)
Yulia Yun, organ



** 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 to claim your date! *Thank you!*

This Spring at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

Today, 3:00 pm ~ The Ordination of John O'Connor

All are welcome to join in this afternoon's joyous celebration as we ordain our own John O'Connor to the Unitarian Universalist ministry!

Sunday, April 14th, 11:00 am ~ Blessing of the Runners

During the Sunday morning service on Boston Marathon weekend, we'll celebrate the Blessing of the Runners. This beautiful ceremony, in which we all have a part, is an annual favorite here at Arlington Street.

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!