

**Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

**COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY!**

Today, Arlington Street members and friends renew  
our Great Covenant to love and service  
and make financial pledges to sustain our beloved spiritual community.

**PRELUDE**

Anytime You Need a Friend

*Mariah Carey* (b. 1970) & *Walter Afanasieff* (b. 1958)

You Are Not Alone ..... *R. Kelly* (b. 1967)

as performed by *Michael Jackson* (1958 – 2009)

Don't You Worry 'bout a Thing ..... *Stevie Wonder* (b. 1950)

Yulia Yun, piano

**WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

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

**INTROIT**

We Shall Be Known ..... *Karisha Longaker* (b. 1976)

as performed by *MaMuse*

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

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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**GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

**COVENANT RENEWAL 2021: #CLOSERTHANEVER** ..... Patrice Keegan

## HYMN 347

Gather the Spirit ..... *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

Tevan Goldberg, piano and vocals

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

### Chorus

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary ..... *John W. Thompson* and *Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)

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

Hana Omori, piano and vocals; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance [here](#). 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 our 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

Shower the People ..... *James Taylor* (b. 1948)

Hana Omori, vocals; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

You can play the game, you can act out the part  
Though you know it wasn't written for you  
But tell me how can you stand there with your broken heart  
Ashamed of playing the fool?  
One thing can be to another, it doesn't take any sacrifice  
Oh, father and mother, sister and brother  
If it feels nice, don't think twice

### Chorus

Show the people you love with love  
Show them the way that you feel  
Things are gonna work out fine  
If you only will  
Show the people you love with love  
Show them the way you feel  
Things are gonna be much better  
If you only will

You can run but you cannot hide, this is widely known  
But what you plan to do with your foolish pride  
When you're all by yourself alone  
Once you tell somebody the way that you feel  
You can feel it beginning to ease  
I think it's true what they say about the squeaky wheel  
Always getting the grease, better to...

### Chorus

Show the people you love with love  
Show them the way that you feel  
Things are gonna be just fine  
If you only will  
Show the people you love with love  
Show them the way you feel  
Things are gonna be much better  
If you only will

**SERMON**

#CloserThanEver ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

On the Day We Are Together Again ..... *Humbird*

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

On the day we are together again  
On the day we are together again  
I will pull you in close like a hoop with no end  
On the day we are together again  
We will share the same table again  
We will share the same table again  
I'll pass you the salt, the candlelight will bend  
We will share the same table again

We will walk around the block hand in hand  
We will walk around the block hand in hand  
We will stop for a snack at the taco truck stand  
We will walk around the block hand in hand

Someday we will go back to work  
Someday we will go back to work  
May we be among people who respect our worth  
Someday we will go back to work

I will help the strangers I meet  
I will help the strangers I meet  
It is possible to get back on our feet  
I will help the strangers I meet

I will write you a letter for now  
I will write you a letter for now  
Hope is a message that survives somehow  
I will write you a letter for now

To the healers who keep us alive  
To the healers who keep us alive  
A toast to your courage, knowledge, and light  
To the healers who keep us alive

And the ones who we love who are gone  
And the ones who we love who are gone  
We remember the stories, we sing the songs  
For the ones who we love who are gone

And on the day we are together again  
On the day we are together again  
I will pull you in close like a hoop with no end  
On the day we are together again

## COVENANT RENEWAL

Improvisation

Mark David Buckles, piano

**After the sermon, you will be invited to pledge in one of three ways:**

1. Visit [www.tinyurl.com/ASCPLedge](http://www.tinyurl.com/ASCPLedge)
2. Text (617) 686-1232
3. Call (603) 380-9147

**When making your pledge, please include these three things:**

1. Your name
2. Your phone number
3. Your total pledge amount for the next church year

*Thank you!*



## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and church rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the church budget. **Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them.** You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up [automatic](#)



[payments](#) via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, ([treasurer@ascboston.org](mailto:treasurer@ascboston.org)) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

## OFFERTORY

Close to You (#CloserThanEver) ..... *Burt Bacharach* (b. 1928)  
as performed by *The Carpenters*

Hana Omori, vocals; Kazuhiro Omori, piano

Why do birds suddenly appear  
Every time you are near?  
Just like me  
They long to be  
Close to you

Why do stars fall down from the sky  
Every time you walk by?  
Just like me

They long to be  
Close to you

On the day that you were born  
And the angels got together  
And decided to create a dream come true  
So they sprinkled moondust  
In your hair of gold  
And starlight in your eyes of blue

That is why  
Everyone in town  
Follow you all around  
Just like me  
They long to be  
Close to you

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### MAY SHARE THE PLATE: THE LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old 10th grader growing up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, “I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in my government. However, if things don’t change, I’ll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail.” Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence. That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.



In 1994, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chéry, honored her son’s dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute ([ldbpeaceinstitute.org](http://ldbpeaceinstitute.org)). Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims. *Thank you for your generous support!*

## FANFARE: TODAY’S GRAND TOTAL

### HYMN 95

There is More Love Somewhere ..... *African American Hymn*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
additional lyrics: *Rev. Allison Palm*

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

There is more love somewhere  
There is more love somewhere  
I’m gonna keep on ’til I find it  
There is more love somewhere

There is more hope...

There is more peace...

There is more joy...

There is more love right here  
There is more love right here  
I'm gonna keep on 'cause I've found it  
There is more love right here

### **BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste  
*I bow to the Divine in You.*

### **RECESSIONAL**

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

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

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**

With a Little Help from My Friends  
*John Lennon* (1940 – 1980) and *Paul McCartney* (b. 1942)  
as performed by *Joe Cocker* (1944 – 2014)

Yulia Yun, organ



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*This morning's pulpit flowers are a gift from the Richard Mattoli flower fund.  
Thank you, Richard!*