

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, 2019

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the end of Greetings.

PRELUDE

Evening in Transylvania *Béla Bartók* (1881 - 1945)

Dawn

Slovakian Folksong

Kelly Lenahan, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ngan jan, a Blei sha Phi

Hymn 87 Nearer My God to Thee

GREETINGS

*HYMN 347

Gather the Spirit

1 Gather the spirit, harvest the power. Our sep'rate 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.

2 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)

3 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)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)

from *A Very Cellular Song* arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time_ sun shine up - on_ you,
All_____ love sur - round you, And the pure_____
light with - in_ you guide_____ your way
on, guide_____ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to leave
with Rev. Erica, Assistant Director of Family Ministry!*

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

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 1023

Building Bridges
Building Bridges between our divisions, I reach out to you, will you reach
out to me? With all of our voices and all of our visions, friends, we could
make such sweet harmony.

SERMON

Our UU Mosaic: Unitarian Universalism Around the World

Rev. Liz Weber

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Barátságunkban text: *Reményik Sándor (1890 - 1941)*
music: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

*written for the 2012 Unitarian Universalist musical pilgrimage
to our partner congregations in Transylvania*

Van egy barátom,
végzetesen más,
És végzetesen mégis egy velem,
Barátságunkban épp
ez a varázs.
Én benne élem égis magamat,
bennem álmodja magát égis.

I have a friend
who is intensely different,
And yet is intensely one with me.
This is the magic of our friendship.
In him, I live in the heavens,
He dreams himself to the heavens
through me.

Ha találkozunk egy más csillagon,
Szerepeinket talán kicserélik.

If we ever meet on another star,
Perhaps our positions
would be reversed.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 289 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the unpledged offering is shared with a partner



in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 (all texted gifts support church operations) or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Prayer text: *Robert F. Langwig*
music: *Arthur Frackenpohl* (b. 1924)

Grant us a common faith
that we shall know the gift of being one,
The death of prejudice,
and the new birth of love.

May the seeds of righteousness come forth
from the common soil of our labors,
nourished by the rains of justice
and the warmth of security,
That a harvest of freedom of opportunity
may come for people throughout the world.

Grant us a common faith
that we shall know the gift of being one.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 318

We Would Be One

1 We would be one as now we join in singing our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew to that high cause of greater understanding of who we are, and what in us is true. We would be one in living for each other to show to all a new community.

2 We would be one in building for tomorrow a nobler world than we have known today. We would be one in searching for that meaning which bends our hearts and points us on our way. As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service, with love and justice, strive to make us free.

*Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie is away today
and looks forward to being with you next Sunday!*

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

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***RECESSIONAL** *(sung twice; please join in!)*

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

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

Romanian Folk Dances, Sz. 56 *Béla Bartók* (1881 - 1945)
IV. Romanian Polka
V. Fast Dance
Kelly Lenahan, piano

Today in Family Ministry

Today after the Children's Blessing, Rev. Erica and our children will gather in the Perkins Room for a chalice lighting, a song, meditation, and joys and sorrows. Then, we will learn about how our Muslim neighbors and friends observe the holy month of Ramadan. We will return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to join the Arlington Street Choir for the Recessional.

If you have arrived with a baby or small child who becomes restless, there's a nursery/playroom with the service piped in for your listening pleasure. Go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit and cross through the chapel. The nursery will be on your left before the stairs.

Following the service, Coming of Age will meet in the Program Room from 12:30-2:00pm.

May Share the Plate: The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute Mothers Day Walk for Peace

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old 10th grader who grew 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. Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims. For more information, please visit ldbpeaceinstitute.org. *Thank you for your generous support!*