



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2018

Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Improvisation on *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Traditional African American Spiritual

Jason Holmes, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

Brene Brown

Experience and success don't give you easy passage
through the middle space of struggle.

They only grant you a little grace, a grace that whispers
"This is part of the process. Stay the course."

Experience doesn't create even a single spark of light
in the darkness of the middle space.

It only instills in you a bit of faith in your ability
to navigate the dark.

The middle is messy, but it's also where the magic happens.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 168**

One More Step

1 One more step, we will take one more step, 'til there is peace
for us and everyone, we'll take one more step.

2 One more word, we will say one more word, 'til every word is
heard by everyone, we'll say one more word.

3 One more prayer, we will say one more prayer, 'til every prayer
is shared by everyone, we'll say one more prayer.

4 One more song, we will sing one more song, 'til every song is
sung by everyone, we'll sing one more song.

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

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 beginning of
the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs
during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at
the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on "Worship."

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *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 354

We Laugh, We Cry

1 We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song. We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong. We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone. But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a need to be together. We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive; and we believe that sharing is an answer.

2 A child is born among us and we feel a special glow. We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow. We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild. We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a time to be together. And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth, and we believe that growing is an answer.

3 Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief. The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief. But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love; and we have found a place to be together. We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe that peace within our living is an answer.

4 We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life. We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife. We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind. And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find. And we believe in life, and in the strength of love, and we have found a joy being together. And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see: even to question, truly is an answer.

SERMON

Challenge Accepted Melissa Dlugolecki

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 288 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 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 or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

This Little Light of Mine *Traditional African American Spiritual*
Jason Holmes, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 128**

For All That Is Our Life

1 For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

2 For needs which others serve, for services we give, for work and its rewards, for hours of rest and love; we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

3 For sorrow we must bear, for failures, pain, and loss, for each new thing we learn, for fearful hours that pass: we come with praise and thanks for all that is our life.

4 For all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for all life is a gift which we are called to use to build the common good and make our own days glad.

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

Socrates (c. 470 – 399 BCE)

The Secret of change is to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

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

Where You 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

'Cause your people are my people

Your people are mine

Your people are my people

Your divine, my divine.

POSTLUDE

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah! *Traditional African American Spiritual*
Jason Holmes, piano

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2018

All Are Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning for worship!

This morning, we invite you to:

- * Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
- * Join us for coffee and a light lunch in the Parish Hall;
- * Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
- * Please come back again soon!



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Melissa Dlugolecki is a member of the Arlington Street Worship Committee. She is mother of late daughter Leyden Saige Cournoyer, who lost her life at Boston Children's Hospital in 2014. Melissa is passionate about spreading Leyden's light to positively impact others and support them through their own life challenges and adversities. She is the founder of life-coaching business, Thrive and co-founder of women's health, fitness and gut-health coaching, called MOVE. Melissa is a yoga instructor and runs the Boston Marathon for Boston Children's Hospital each year.



SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, JULY 1ST

For Most This Amazing Day: A Mini-Retreat Liz Weber

How do beauty and wonder lead to gratitude? Come explore this theme through poem, song, silence, and sharing as we enjoy a "mini-retreat" together during the worship hour. Feel free to bring a journal if you have one.

Liz Weber is a longtime Arlington Street member and a soon-to-be ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. Until recently, she was the Ministerial Intern at the UU Church of Reading. She's excited to return to the ASC pulpit! Liz is also a nationally certified American Sign Language interpreter.

SUMMER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



SUMMERTIME AT ARLINGTON STREET

The program staff and the Arlington Street Choir are away for the summer, but will be back for worship on September 9th. Today and every Sunday through Labor Day, we are grateful to our musicians, our preachers, the volunteer team, and Ali Jablonski, our Summer Student Minister, for this beautiful worship service!

Next to the Hunnewell Chapel, there is a nursery for restless babies and their caregivers. This space offers a rocking chair, changing table with supplies, and a live audio feed of the service.

Should you need a minister over the summer, please call the church office at 617-536-7050. The admin staff is always here for you; Jeffrey, and Brad are glad to help! Happy summer, one and all!

During summer the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar." Jeff Bouchard, our congregational administrator/facilities manager, keeps it current.



COFFEE HOUR

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, light lunch, & community!



UNCOMFORTABLE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RACE

Today ~ 12:30 - 1:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing an antiracist worldview. We hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information, email transformation@ascboston.org.



KUNDALINI YOGA CLASS

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!



BETHEL'S COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 30th ~ 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, 177 Harvard St.,
Dorchester

Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle Church, a Fund-A-Need partner of Arlington Street Church, holds a Carnival each June to provide fun and resources for their neighborhood. They invite us to help them do this work. If you are interested in volunteering, for any amount of time, please email office@ascboston.org or talk to Laura Pattison or Queen Cheryl.



SUMMER READING

Buddha's Belly: Arlington Street's Buddhist book group is reading Chögyam Trungpa's *Shambhala: The Sacred Path of the Warrior*. All are welcome to join in the discussion on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 pm.

Intersectional Book Group: Join Rev. Kim for the eighth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. Our next book is *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*, by Asha Bandele and Patrisse Cullors. We'll meet to discuss it on Monday, September 17th at 5:30 pm.



VISITORS CENTER IS OPEN FOR TOURS!

Sundays 1:00-4:00 PM and Monday through Saturday
from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM (closed Tuesdays)

Greeters Needed This Summer!

Do you want to meet people from all over the world? Would you enjoy sharing the beauty of our Tiffany Windows with others? If so, consider becoming a volunteer greeter with our Visitors Center! Greeters serve as friendly faces at the Arlington Street entrance, welcoming visitors and receiving donations. No experience is necessary, and scheduling is flexible! If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact Alissa Butler at abutler@ascboston.org.



GAYLA: A RETREAT FOR MEN WHO LOVE MEN

Info and registration at www.ferrybeach.org/GAYLA

Celebrating 40 years at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine!

July 14-21; \$150 first-timer discount. Or come for “DAYLA: GAYLA for a Day,” Sunday July 15, 1:30-10 pm, featuring a special concert by The Kinsey Sicks-America’s Favorite Dragapella Beautyshop Quartet.



MORNING LIGHT CONCERT SERIES RETURNS THIS FALL!

Saturdays, September 22nd, October 20th, November 10th ~
11:30 AM, Sanctuary

Back by popular demand: the wonderful Boston Chamber Music Society! Last season, our audiences included local fans and visitors from all over the world who made a concert at Arlington Street a highlight of their weekend in Boston. We take it for granted that we can see the light coming through our magnificent stained glass windows every Sunday. Now let’s share the experience with chamber music lovers!

Tickets: Arlington Street members receive a 20% discount off the ticket price (tickets are \$29, if purchased before September 9, and \$34 afterwards). Enter discount code “ASC20” during check out when ordering from www.bostonchambermusic.org, or call the BCMS office at 617.349.0086.



SHARE YOUR WEDDING PICTURES WITH US!

Did you get married at Arlington Street Church? If so, we’d love to hear from you! We’re launching a new weddings website to increase bookings and would love to share your pictures and stories. If you’d like to help, please contact Alissa at abutler@ascboston.org.

June Share the Plate: Summer Camp

Each summer, our own Rev. George Whitehouse, Minister at Large, works with Hawthorne Youth and Community Center and Healthy Boston to get kids and youth off the city streets and into the woods. Our gifts today will be directed to support their life-changing work. *Thank you for your generosity!*