

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2021

PRELUDE

Anytime You Need a Friend *Mariah Carey* (b. 1970)

and *Walter Afanasieff* (b. 1963)

Reach Out And Touch *Nicholas Ashford* (1941 – 2011)

and *Valerie Simpson* (b. 1946)

as sung by *Diana Ross*

Bridge Over Troubled Water *Paul Simon* (b. 1941)

Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING Al Ingram

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

GREETINGS Darrell Waters

HYMN 134

Our World is One World *Cecily Taylor* (b. 1930)

Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

Our world is one world

What touches one affects us all

The seas that wash us round about, the clouds that cover us

The rains that fall

Our world is one world

The thoughts we think affect us all

The way we build our attitudes, with love or hate

We make a bridge or wall

Our world is one world

Its ways of wealth affect us all

The way we spend, the way we share

Who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?

Our world is one world

Just like a ship that bears us all

Where fear and greed make many holes

But where our hearts can hear a different call

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	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

HYMN 323

Break Not the Circle, *alternate tune*..... music: *Michael Lehr*, adapted
text: *Fred Kaan (1929 – 2009)*

Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

Break not the circle of abiding love
Where people grow, forgiven and forgiving
Break not that circle; make it wider still
'Til it includes, embraces all the living

Join then the movement of the love that frees
'Til people of whatever race or nation
Will truly be themselves, stand on their feet
See eye to eye in grateful liberation

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life
Where words of freedom are with humor spoken
And people keep no score of wrong and guilt
But will that human bonds remain unbroken

SERMON

Empathy Rising Al Ingram

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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), 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

Prelude and Fugue WTC book 2, No. 11 in F-Major *J. S. Bach* (1685 – 1750)
Yulia Yun, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

HYMN 86

Blessed Spirit of My Life *Shelley Jackson Denham* (1950 – 2013)
Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife
Help me live with dignity; let me know serenity
Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion
When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me

Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me
Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need
Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition
Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy

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
Julie Metcalf, percussion 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

Andante in F-Major, K. 616 *W. A. Mozart* (1756 – 1791)
Yulia Yun, organ



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