



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2019
Welcome to Summer Services

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

PRELUDE

Prelude in D-flat *Alexander Nikolayevich Scriabin (1872 - 1915)*
Rondo in D, Movement 1 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 - 1791)*
Prelude in C Major *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)*
Andrew Altenback, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity,
brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up
for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace,
move boldly into the unknown. - *Sarah York*

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS

***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.

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 1003**

Where Do We Come From?

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?
Where do we come from?
Mystery. Mystery. Life is a riddle and a mystery.
Where do we come from? Where are we going?

SERMON

Stump the Chumps Part II: A Question Box Sermon

Rev. Joanna Lubkin

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 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 or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo in A Major *Johannes Brahms* (1833 - 1897)
Andrew Altenback, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1020

Woyaya

1. We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within. And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will. It will be hard, we know, and the road will be muddy and rough, but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within.

*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

Rondo in D, Movement 2 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* (1756 - 1791)
Andrew Altenback, piano

INSIDE E

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2019

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

Rev. Joanna Lubkin has attended Arlington Street Church since 2010 and serves as one of our Affiliated Community Ministers. She serves as the Unitarian Universalist Chaplain at Wellesley College and as the Minister at All Souls Church in Braintree. Joanna sings in the ASC choir and at the Sanctuary Boston. She and Rev. Liz Weber collaborated on two Question Box sermons this summer.



SPEAKING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Something Stronger ~ Something Better Art Nava

We live in anxious times. Amid the chaos, corruption, and confusion around us, we can use our spiritual practices to keep us aligned and rooted to our moral compass with courage, calm, creativity, and empathy. On this foundation of the best of our humanity, we can (and must) continue to build Beloved Community right here, right now.

Art Nava has attended Arlington Street since 2004. He currently serves as a peer facilitator in the New England Region and the Religious Educators Credentialing Committee of the UUA. He enjoys non-profit board work and currently serves as the board chair of Gay For Good and as Friday Night Supper Program's treasurer. He was born and raised in El Paso, where he had the joy of living and learning in a truly bicultural, binational community. He now lives in Lowell with his husband Rich Abreu and their dog Spenser.

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 8th. Today and every Sunday through Labor Day, we are grateful to our musicians, our preachers, and the volunteer team 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, and community!



KUNDALINI YOGA CLASS

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

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!



CARE CARDS TABLE

Now that summer services at Arlington St. Church have begun, the Care Cards table will be on hiatus until September 8th. We would love to invite new volunteers to join us in the fall. Can you spare an hour once a month? The Care Cards group is seeking volunteers to help with setting up and hosting the Care Cards table in the Parish Hall during the after service lunch. Volunteers collect the candles of sorrow and joy from the worship team, prepare cards to be signed, host the table during lunch, and deliver the signed cards to the office for mailing. If you have a busy life and live a long commute from ASC, this is a perfect way to be of service to the community! We will start setting up again on a weekly basis on Sunday, September 8th. Please email Office@ascboston.org to be put in touch with the Care Cards team.



ASC YOUNG ADULTS (ASCYA)

We're starting a Young Adult Group here at Arlington Street! Are you 18-35 years old? Find us on Facebook at ASC Young Adults, or contact Rebecca Reid through the church office (Office@ASCBoston.org). *Join us!*



SUMMER READING

Buddha's Belly: Arlington Street's Buddhist book group is reading Pema Chödrön's *The Places That Scare You: A Guide to Fearlessness in Difficult Times*. All are welcome to join in the discussion on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 pm.

Intersectional Book Group: Join Rev. Kim for the thirteenth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. Our next book is Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*. We'll meet to discuss it on Monday, September 9th at 5:30 pm.



HOME COMING SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8th ~ 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Our Senior Minister, Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie; our Music Director, Mark David Buckles; and the choir; will return for Homecoming Sunday, September 8th. Please bring a little water from a place that is special to you for our water communion celebration!



TIFFANY CENTER IS OPEN: JOIN OUR TEAM!

Sundays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM & Monday - Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (closed Tuesdays), Sanctuary

Are you looking for an interesting way to get more involved here? Are you curious about the history of the building and the BEAUTIFUL windows? Would you like to meet people from around the world? We need greeters and tour guides every day except Tuesday. It's low-commitment, flexible scheduling, and less than three hours per shift. No experience necessary; all training will be provided! Please speak with Alissa Butler or email her at asctiffany@gmail.com. *Thank you!*



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SHARE OUR SPACE!

If you're part of another organization or business that's looking for meeting space, a gathering place, or the use of a commercial kitchen, we'd love to welcome them to Arlington Street Church! Please be in touch with Rev. Kim at office@ASCBoston.org.

Share the Plate

Since last September, we have given half the unpledged gifts in our weekly collection plate to NEADS service dogs for veterans; Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network; Only a Child mission for street children in Guatemala; Friday Night Supper Program; LGBT+ Asylum Task Force; Team Leyden, a Boston Marathon Charity; the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute and their Mothers Day Walk for Peace; Lend a Hand for impoverished people in Boston; Renewal House for people escaping domestic violence; Rise Against Hunger; and Into the Woods to get kids and their families out of the city and into the wilderness. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, *Rev. Joanna Lubkin*
Worship Coordinator, *Hala Hazar*
Candles Coordinator, *Art Judge*
Hymn Leader, *Maggie Klureza*
Lead Greeter, *David Scanlon*
Lead Usher, *Deb Vittner*
Assistant Treasurer, *Paul Babbitt*