

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2016

If you have brought water today, please write down - in large, clear printing - where you gathered your water. Pens and cards are available from the ushers at the Great Doors. Please hold onto your container of water until it's time for the water communion.

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

Music at Sunset *Yinghai Li* (1927 - 2007)
Autumn Moon Over the Calm Lake *Wencheng Lü* (1898 - 1981)
piano transcription: *Peixun Chen* (1922 - 2006)
Linli Wang, piano

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In
arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 354

We Laugh, We Cry

RAINSTORM *Laura Evonne Steinman, Jaimie Dingus, and CRE*

*In loving memory of Rev. Gene Navias (author of Come, Thou Fount)
who loved a good rainstorm*

WATER COMMUNION *Beth Robbins*

Arabesque No. 1 *Claude Debussy* (1862 - 1918)
Linli Wang, piano

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 join
the Children's Religious Education program!*

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
music arranged: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

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	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

Swimming to the Other Side

text and music: *Pat Humphries (b. 1960)*
choral arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, fiddle and vocals

Chorus

*We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in the stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side*

I am alone and I am searching,
Hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility, I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

On this journey through thoughts and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together.
I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow,
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

When we get there we'll discover
All of the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live together
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

SERMON

Belonging Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hallelujah *Karisha Longaker & Sarah Nutting*
choral arrangement: *Mark David Buckles*

Every time I feel this way
This old familiar sinking
I will lay my troubles down by the water
Where the river will never run dry

Hallelujah, Hallelujah (I'm gonna let myself be lifted)

Hallelujah by and by (I'm gonna let myself be lifted)

I will lay my troubles down by the water

Where the river will never run dry

It's been said and I do believe

As you ask so shall you receive

So take from me these troubles, bring me sweet release

Where the river will never run dry

There is a river in this heart of hearts

With a knowingness of my highest good

I am willing, I will do my part

Where the river will never run dry

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 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. ***Thank you for your stewardship and support!***

OFFERTORY

The Swan *Camille Saint-Saëns (1835 - 1921)*

from *Carnival of the Animals*

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1021

Lean on Me

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

From "This is The Year" *David Roth*

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

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE

River Flows in You *Yiruma* (b. 1978)
Linli Wang, piano

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! Feel free to slip out as needed to the nursery, where you'll find a rocking chair, changing table, and toys. The worship service is broadcast for your listening pleasure! To reach the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit, cross through the chapel, and look for the door on your left before the stairs.

After the children's blessing, CRE will gather in the chapel for introductions and reflection. We will then return to the sanctuary for the final hymn. Please remember to register your children for the 2016-2017 CRE year. <https://goo.gl/forms/X1pHZBU8IeHprDpql>

September Share the Plate: Beyond the 11th

After their husbands were killed on September 11th, Susan Retik and Patty Quigley founded Beyond the 11th. Their mission is to transcend differences of culture and geography to embrace the most essential of connections: humanity. Afghan widows are highly vulnerable and trapped in an ever-deepening cycle of poverty and helplessness. Beyond the 11th provides grants to NGO programs that empower them with the skills to generate their own income and become self-sufficient. They strongly believe that education is key to sustainable, lasting social change.