

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 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

O for the Wings of a Dove *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809 - 1847)

The Clever Fisherfolk (for Pedals Alone) *Flor Peeters* (1903 - 1986)

The Cow, from *Scenes of Childhood* *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

INTROIT

De Animals A-Comin' *African American Spiritual*
choral arrangement: *Marshall Bartholomew* (1885 - 1978)

Dere's animals and animals and animals
and animals and animals and animals,
Yes, Lord!

De animals a comin', one by one
De old cow chewin' on a caraway bun
De animals a comin', two by two
De elephant and de kangaroo
De animals a comin', three by three
De bear and de bug an' de bumble bee
Oh de animals a comin', four by four
De ol' hippopotamus stuck in de door
De animals a comin', five by five
Thus de animals did arrive
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah to the Lamb.

Oh de animals a comin', six by six,
De hyena laughing at de monkey's tricks
De animals a comin', seven by seven,
De old fat pig says, "Who's dat shovin'?"
De animals a comin', eight by eight
Noah hollered out, "Shut dat gate!"
Oh de animals a comin', nine by nine
Noah hollered out, "Cut dat line!"
Oh de animals a comin', ten by ten
De old ark blew its whistle then
And nobody knew where they was at
Till de old ark bumped on Ararat
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah to the Lamb.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN

We Celebrate the Web of Life ... text: *Alicia S. Carpenter* (1930 - 1990)

music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)



1. We cel - le - brate the web of life, its
2. A frag - ment of the per - fect whole, in
3. Of an - cient dreams we are the sum; our
4. Re - spect the wat - er, land, and air which



mag - ni - tude we sing; for we can see di -
cac - tus and in quail, as much in ti - ny
bones link stone to star, and bind our fu - ture
gave all crea - tures birth; pro - tect the lives of



vin - i - ty in ev - ery liv - ing thing.
bar - na - cle as in the great blue whale.
worlds to come with worlds that were and are.
all that share the glo - ry of the earth.

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.

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

*SONG

Home on the Range text: *Brewster M. Higley* (1823 - 1911)
music: *David W. Guion* (1892 - 1981)

Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam,
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.

Chorus

*Home, home on the range,
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,
And the skies are not cloudy all day.*

How often at night when the heavens are bright,
With the light from the glittering stars,
Have I stood there amazed and asked as I gazed,
If their glory exceeds that of ours.

Chorus

REFLECTIONS

Blessed by the Animals Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

Part One

- I. The Party
- II. Fred & Jordan: Who Rescued Whom?
- III. Tess & Joe: Home from the War

CANTICLE

Blackbird *Paul McCartney* (b. 1942)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Part Two

- IV. Mr. Boo Saves the Day
- V. Flannery O'Connor's Chicken

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Prayer of the Cat music: *Ivor R. Davies* (1901 - 1970)
text: *Sister Carmen Bernos de Gasztold* (1919 - 1995)
translation: *Rumer Godden* (1907 - 1998)

Lord,
I am the cat.
It is not exactly that I have something to ask of You!
No –
I ask nothing of anyone –
but,
if You have by some chance, in some celestial barn,
a little white mouse,
or a saucer of milk,
I know someone who would relish them.
Wouldn't you like someday
to put a curse on the whole race of dogs?
If so, I should say,
“Amen.”

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY Art Nava

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 290 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

How Sweet It Is *Brian Holland* (b. 1941),
Lamont Dozier (b. 1941), and *Eddie Holland* (b. 1939)
Mark David Buckles, piano & vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

ANIMAL PROMENADE

Allegretto in C Major *Giovanni Battista Pescetti* (c. 1704 - 1766)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Fr. Alex Oneto and Rev. Kim

***HYMN 203**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

1 All creatures of the earth and sky, come, kindred, lift your voices high,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beam, soft shining
moon with silver gleam:

(Chorus) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Swift rushing wind so wild and strong, white clouds that sail in heav'n
along, Alleluia, Alleluia! Fair rising morn in praise rejoice, high stars of
evening find a voice: (Chorus)

3 Cool flowing water, pure and clear, make music for all life to hear,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright, and bless us
with your warmth and light: (Chorus)

4 Embracing earth, you, day by day, bring forth your blessings on our
way, Alleluia, Alleluia! All herbs and fruits that richly grow, let them the
glory also show: (Chorus)

5 All you of understanding heart, forgiving others, take your part,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Let all things now the Holy bless, and worship God in
humbleness: (Chorus)

***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

Allegro, from *Concerto in B-flat Op. 4, No. 2 ... G.F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Welcome, Families!

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.

September Share the Plate: PetPals

PetPals are canine and feline volunteers (and their human companions) who visit elderly residents in long-term care facilities. PetPals volunteers are screened, trained, and matched with one of 36 sites in metro Boston. These teams bring the "healing power of pets" to over 650 elders every week. Numerous studies have shown that pet visitation programs increase social interaction among nursing home residents, reduce agitation in Alzheimer's patients, and ease the pervasive loneliness that often occurs in long-term care facilities. The wagging tails of the dogs and the purring of the cats bring smiles and laughter to the faces of nursing home residents. For more information or to become a volunteer, please speak with Art Nava or visit fw4elders.org/our-programs/petpals. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Service is Our Gift

Candles Coordinator, *Patrick Cooleybeck*

Candles Chaplain, *Art Judge*

Lead Greeter, *Queen Cheryl*

Lead Usher, *Mike Cournoyer*

Worship Coordinator, *James Foley*

Assistant Treasurers, *Kevin Tyrrell & Deb Khobare*