



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

*Congratulations to Sharon Gentges and Sarah Ross
who were married in the Arlington Street sanctuary yesterday
and much gratitude for their generous gift of today's flowers.*

PRELUDE

Love Wins All *Donghwan Seo*

This Love *Samuel Park*

Hyunju Jung, piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her)

Rebecca Reid (she/her), Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

Tending the Spark *Heather Houston*

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

And we will care for each other
As the world around us unravels
And we will tend to the spark
Of hope that lives within our grieving hearts

And we are here now in this present moment
Lifting our voices and hearts
And we are here now we have come together
We are tending the spark

Of hope...
Oh may it grow...

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

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

A Fire in the Universe *Shawn Trapp*
Rev. Beth Robbins

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith,
and we light it this morning in honor of the 55th anniversary of Earth Day.*

*HYMN 1028

The Fire of Commitment text: *Rev. Mary Katherine Morn* (b. 1961)
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear

Chorus

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul ablaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty

Chorus

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary	With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
All made holy, loved, and true	Sanctuary for you

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle. During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

To reach a member of the Pastoral Care team, please email Care@ASCBoston.org.

AFFIRMATION & 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.

*HYMN

This Joy *Shirley Caesar* (b. 1938)

This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
This joy that I have
The world didn't give it to me
Oh I said, the world didn't give it
The world can't take it away

This love that I have...

This pride that I have...

This fire that I have...

This joy that I have...

The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away
The world didn't give it, the world can't take it away

SERMON

Tending the Spark *Rev. Beth Robbins*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

Joy *Andy Grammer* (b. 1983)

Me and fear, we had a thing in 1993
Told me I was wasting time with all these silly dreams
I dated doubt, she knocked me down every time I tried
But I found joy in my life

Sorrow swept me off my feet in 2009
I took long walks on the beach next to the oceans and I cried
And grief, she came and overstayed way longer than I'd liked
But I found joy in my life

I found joy, yeah, she opened up my eyes
And gave me wings and halo rings and taught me how to fly
Woo, ooh, I feel like a million lights
I found joy in my life
And got me like yeah, oh
I found joy in my life
And got me like yeah, oh
I found joy in my life

Pressure pushed me to the edge, she worked me to the bone
And jealousy, she lied to me, said I needed things I don't
Shame, she always had a way to make me hate myself
But I found joy in my life

I found joy on the loneliest of nights
I call on her to soothe my soul and help me stay upright
Woo, ooh, I feel like a million lights
I found joy in my life
And got me like yeah, oh
I found joy in my life
And got me like yeah, oh
I found joy in my life

And there were days I did not know
If she would pack her bags and go
But she's right here forever though
And I know, I know

I found joy and I'm grateful every day
She gives me strength to carry on when I have lost my way
Mmm, now I'm basking in her light
I found joy, I found joy
Yeah, oh
I found joy in my life
And got me like yeah, oh
I found joy in my life

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformative generosity.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira at Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. We encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

SHARE THE PLATE: MOTHERS DAY WALK FOR PEACE



Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old growing up in Roxbury with very big plans: college, graduate school, and a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Louis dreamed of becoming the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States. That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

In 1994, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chéry, honored her son's dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to peacemaking and nonviolence education, the institute also supports families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss. The Mothers Day Walk for Peace is a beloved, 29-year-long Boston tradition and an important fundraiser for the Institute. The theme this year is Cultivating Cycles of Peace.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509.

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Valse Lente Op. 33 *Oskar Merikanto* (1868–1924)

*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine..... *Traditional*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine...

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...

BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
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

Come, Let Us Sing *Danny Reed*
Hyunju Jung, piano






Do you believe in magic?







Please join us
for the *Arlington Street Church*
2025 Annual Gala

Saturday, May 17 6pm

tickets
\$100 per person
go online or scan the QR
givebutter.com/2025ASCgala



 Arlington Street Prudential Committee		
<p>The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street's elected, governing board. "The Pru" is joined by Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Liz Teixeira (Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.</p>		
Alan Kemp, Chair Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair	Rachel Corey Cathy DeMatto Hala Hazar	Art Nava Laura Pattison Bob Sessions
<p>We welcome your questions and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org</p>		

GOOD TO KNOW!	
	Discounted Sunday parking is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a coupon from an usher. Also, meters are free on Sunday!
	Thanks to Art Nava and our amazing Tech Team, replays of each Sunday service are available at youtube.com/ASCBoston . Also, be sure to subscribe to the Arlington Street Church podcast to ensure you never miss a sermon!
	To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it to tinyurl.com/ASCCandle by 5:00 pm on Saturday. During the service, candles are always welcome in the Zoom chat.
	Providing pulpit flowers is a beautiful way to honor a loved one and give a gift the entire congregation can enjoy. Your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love will be included in the Order of Service. Please email the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org to claim your Sunday!
	If you'd like to submit an announcement, please email the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org by Wednesday evening so it can be included in the weekly e-newsletter and the Order of Service.
	If you need extra emotional support, a listening ear, or a hug in these difficult times, you are warmly invited to connect. Pastoral caregivers are available at 10:30 on Sundays mornings. Look for them in the back pew on the far right as you enter the sanctuary. If you would like a check in during the week, please email Care@ASCBoston.org . <i>Love is the spirit of this congregation!</i>

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This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:15 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

MONDAY, APRIL 28

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Conversation with the Transition Team (Zoom)

Prompt: What keeps you coming back to Arlington Street?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)

(Prompt: Tell us about a time you realized you were wrong and how you came to change your mind?)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Worship (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MAY 1

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

7:00 pm ~ Staffing Change Listening Circle (Zoom)

SATURDAY, MAY 3

3:00 pm ~ Voice of Iris Ensemble Concert (Chapel)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:15 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

12:45 pm ~ Annual Meeting of the Corporation (Sanctuary & Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Voice of Iris Ensemble Concert (Chapel)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit ASCBoston.org.

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