



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts
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[Meeting ID: 895 886 6876]

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

PRELUDE

Fantasia in D minor, K. 397 *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* (1756–1791)
The Power of Your Love *Geoff Bullock* (b. 1955)
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her)
Rev. Beth Robbins (she/her), Executive Minister

INTROIT

Filled with Loving Kindness music: *Ian W. Riddell* (b. 1961)
text: *Traditional Buddhist Meditation*
adaptation: *Mark W. Hayes* (b. 1953)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), soprano

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.
May you be peaceful, and at ease. May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.
May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.
May we be peaceful, and at ease. May we be whole.

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

A Prayer for the World *Rabbi Harold Kushner* (1925–2023)
Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN

Why Worry? *Anonymous*
lyrics adapted: *Sara Krakauer & Mark David Buckles*

Why, why worry when you can sing?
Why, why worry when you can sing?
Sing cause we can't know
Sing for us and for others
Sing cause we can't know
Sing cause it will be beautiful
Why, why worry when you can sing?

2. Share...
3. Dance...
4. Build...
5. Love...
6. Sing...

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
All made holy, loved, and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
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.

READING

A Few Words on the Soul *Wisława Szymborska* (1923–2012)

***HYMN 318**

We Would Be One text: *Samuel Anthony Wright* (1919–2016)
music: *Jean Sibelius* (1865–1957)

We would be one as now we join in singing
Our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
To that high cause of greater understanding
Of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
To show to all a new community.

We would be one in building for tomorrow
A nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
Which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
With love and justice, strive to make us free.

SERMON

Seeing Whole Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

Seeing One Another Through text: *Mother Teresa* (1910–1997), attributed
& *Anne Lamott* (b. 1954)
music: *Suzanne Dicker* (b. 1959)
inspired by: *J.S. Bach* (1685–1750)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We cannot do great things
Only small things, with great love

We are not here to see through one another
We are here to see one another through

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 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 join Arlington Street's team of walkers, please register at tinyurl.com/WalkASC**

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

The Bones *Maren Morris* (b. 1990),
Jimmy Robbins (b. 1989) & *Laura Veltz* (b. 1980)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano
Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

We're in the homestretch of the hard times
We took a hard left, but we're alright
Yeah, life sure can try to put love through it, but
We built this right, so nothing's ever gonna move it

Chorus

When the bones are good, the rest don't matter
Yeah, the paint could peel, the glass could shatter
Let it rain 'cause you and I remain the same
When there ain't a crack in the foundation
Baby, I know any storm we're facing
Will blow right over while we stay put
The house don't fall when the bones are good

Call it dumb luck, but baby, you and I
Can't even mess it up, yeah, though we both tried
No, it don't always go the way we planned it
But the wolves came and went and we're still standing

Chorus

*HYMN

Forget Your Perfect Offering *Anonymous*, after *Leonard Cohen* (1934–2016)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Forget your perfect offering
(Forget your perfect offering)
Just sing the song that you can sing
(Just sing the song that you can sing)

There is a crack in everything
(There is a crack in everything)
That's how (That's how)
The light (The light)
Gets in (That's how the light gets in)

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

With Thanks *Jongho Sim*
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

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>

Arlington Street Staff Directory

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Arlington Street Prudential Committee

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.

Alan Kemp, Chair
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair

Rachel Corey
Cathy DeMatto
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We welcome your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

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)

MONDAY, MAY 5

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)
4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MAY 6

7:30 PM ~ National Children's Chorus Spring Showcase (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)
(Prompt: Who, in your life, has mothered you well?)
6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)
6:30 pm ~ Sanctuary Boston Worship (First Parish Cambridge)

THURSDAY, MAY 8

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)
7:00 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SATURDAY, MAY 10

12:00 pm ~ 617Country Presents: Mother's Day Tea Dance (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)
12:15 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

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

