



**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

**PRELUDE**

Rhapsody of Sadness ..... *Yeonghun Ju* (b. 1969)

With All My Heart ..... *Babbie Mason* (b. 1955)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason (she/her)

Arlington Street Community Minister for Spiritual Direction

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

**INTROIT**

Filled with Loving Kindness ..... music: *Ian W. Riddell* (b. 1961)

text: *Traditional Buddhist Meditation*

adaptation: *Mark W. Hayes* (b. 1953)

Sam LaGrego (he/him), tenor

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.

**GREETINGS** ..... *Lucy Humphrey* (she/her), Worship Coordinator

**\*HYMN**

Break Not the Circle ..... text: *Rev. Fred. Kaan* (1929–2009)

music: *Michael Lehr*, adapted

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

Break not the circle of abiding love  
Where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;  
Break not that circle, make it wider still,  
'Til it includes, embraces all the living.

Join then the movement of the love that frees,  
'Til people of whatever race or nation  
Will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,  
See eye to eye in grateful liberation.

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life,  
Where words of freedom are with humor spoken,  
And people keep no score of wrong and guilt,  
But will that human bonds remain unbroken.

#### 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 [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org).  
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

#### 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 out 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 179

Words That We Hold Tight ..... *Bishop Adedeji Ishola*  
(*Founder of the Unitarian Brotherhood of Lagos, Nigeria*)

Words that we hold tight  
won't let us go  
Paths we don't follow  
will haunt us so  
What will undo us is not our friend  
Show us, O spirit, how to befriend

**Chorus**  
Show us how to forgive  
To all who live  
Show us forgiveness  
That we may live

To speak of loving is not to love  
Lies move among us, below, above

**Chorus**

**SERMON**

Funny About Forgiveness ..... Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

The Fountain ..... *Mariusz Duda* (b. 1975)  
Sam LaGrego, vocals

On this side of awakening  
I no longer wait for you to come  
Not this time  
Maybe later  
In a navy-blue world

Summertime  
A perfect moment  
I will give myself another try  
Sun rays break through the branches  
Ancient sacrifice

When we are raging,  
needing to mend  
Show us, O spirit, how to befriend

**Chorus**

When love is doubtful,  
choice is not clear  
We turn to worship to cast out fear  
Teach us forgiveness,  
make love our end  
Show us, O spirit, how to befriend

### Chorus

Silence breaks apart  
Brightness comes to life  
Stream of sounds  
Wash away the darkness from my soul

So goodbye  
We part our ways  
It's the point of no return, my love  
I've crossed this bridge

Oh, maybe seven times  
But only now I feel calm

### Chorus

You know I'll return  
This won't change my faith  
But for now  
Wash away the darkness  
from my heart

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Since 1729, the support of our community has allowed Arlington Street to thrive as a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. This congregation is entirely self-supporting. In addition, we share each Sunday's collection with a partner in our vital mission. 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 transformational generosity. Please consider making a special gift to this morning's offering.



### WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://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're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira at [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Treasurer@ASCBoston.org). Rev. Kim, Rev. Beth, and many of our most devoted members and friends pledge 5-10% of their income each year. In addition, 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!

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

## JANUARY SHARE THE PLATE: LEND A HAND SOCIETY

Founded by Unitarian minister Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale in 1892, Lend a Hand is a resource of last resort, providing emergency financial assistance to low-income families and individuals. Working with social service agencies in the Greater Boston area, Lend a Hand makes grants to help pay for rent (to prevent eviction), heat and electric bills (to prevent utility shut-offs), critical medications and medical equipment, eyeglasses, and dental care. Our own Bob Sessions serves on their board of directors (and on ours!). A larger-than-life statue of Hale stands at the Charles Street entrance to the Boston Public Garden. The inscription — one of Hale’s most famous aphorisms — reads, “Look up and not down. Look forward and not back. Look out and not in. Lend a hand.” For more information, please visit [www.lend-a-hand-society.org](http://www.lend-a-hand-society.org).

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## OFFERTORY

Every Night When the Sun Goes Down ..... *Gwyneth Walker* (b. 1947)  
Sam LaGrego, tenor

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN

There's a Wideness in Your Mercy ..... text: *Frederick William Faber* (1814-1863), alt  
music: *United States Sacred Harmony* (1799)

There's a wideness in your mercy like the wideness of the sea  
There's a kindness in your justice which is more than liberty

But we make your love too narrow by false limits of our own  
And we magnify your strictness with a zeal you will not own

For the love of G\*d is broader than the measures of our minds  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind

## BENEDICTION AND 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	For your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your people are mine
Where you go I will go, beloved	Your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your divine, my divine

### POSTLUDE

Song For You ..... *Kyung Jin*  
Hyunju Jung, piano



*\* Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,  
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G\*d's name.*

### Flowers on the High Pulpit

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love.

You can have flowers delivered or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space). Please email [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org) to claim your date! *Thank you!*