

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2022

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*If you're Zooming in and you'd like blessing ribbons for your animal companions,
please email our congregational administrator, Jess (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org),
who will gladly send them to you!*

PRELUDE

Wings of a Dove *Bob Ferguson* (1927 – 2001)

A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square *Manning Sherwin* (1902 – 1974)

Seagull in the Sky *Patrice Tambon* (b. 1976)

Cheng Cheng, piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

The Seventh Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We believe in the interdependent web of all existence
of which we are a part. Amen.

GREETINGS Hala Hazar, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 175**

We Celebrate the Web of Life text: *Alicia S. Carpenter* (1930 – 1990)
music: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We celebrate the web of life,
Its magnitude we sing;
For we can see divinity
In every living thing.

A fragment of the perfect whole
In cactus and in quail,
As much in tiny barnacle
As in the great blue whale.

Of ancient dreams we are the sum;
Our bones link stone to star,
And bind our future worlds to come
With worlds that were and are.

Respect the water, land, and air
Which gave all creatures birth;
Protect the lives of all that share
The glory 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

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it
in advance [here](#). 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 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.

***HYMN 1008**

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place text and music: *Joyce Poley (b. 1941)*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

When our heart is in a holy place
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love
And amazing grace
When our heart is in a holy place.

When we trust the wisdom in each of us,
Every color, every creed and kind,
And we see our faces in each other's eyes,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

When we tell our story from deep inside,
And we listen with a loving mind,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

When we share the silence of sacred space,
And the G*d of our Heart stirs within,
And we hear our voices in each other's words,
Then our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place,
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love and amazing grace,
When our heart is in a holy place.

When our heart is in a holy place.

SERMON

Reteaching Loveliness Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Animal Crackers, Vol. I text: *Ogden Nash* (1902 – 1971)
music: *Eric Whitacre* (b. 1970)

I. The Panther

The panther is like a leopard,
Except it hasn't been peppered.
Should you behold a panther crouch,
Prepare to say Ouch.
Better yet, if called by a panther,
Don't anther.

II. The Cow

The cow is of bovine ilk;
One end is moo, the other: milk.

III. The Firefly

The firefly's flame
Is something for which science has no name
I can think of nothing eerier
Than flying around with an unidentified glow
on a person's posterior.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

These are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. At the top of the pandemic, we shut down the sanctuary and committed to continue to pay our staff ... with no idea when we might reopen. Without missing a beat, our Tech Team pivoted to a virtual format — and so did we all. As the virus raged, we nourished a dream of the day when we might once again reopen the Great Doors and made wildly expensive upgrades to our sound system, purchased technology to support a hybrid service format, and readily agreed to make it available to the community partners who share our mission and this beautiful space. And all the while, Arlington Street members and friends have given with open, grateful hands.

Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street’s pandemic story — a story of devotion, innovation, and transformational generosity. To make your gift, please scan the QR code; visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509. If you’re ready to give regularly, Liz Teixeira (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be delighted to assist you with setting up automatic payments. We are so grateful! *Thank you!*



SHARE THE PLATE: BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY

In August, ten Arlington Street members and friends traveled to Kanab, Utah, to volunteer at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary (www.bestfriends.org), home to 1,600 rescued animals of all kinds. Best Friends also provides spay/neuter, adoption, trap/neuter/vaccinate/release, and educational programs across the country. The mission of Best Friends is to reach no-kill in this country by 2025. Today, in celebration of our Blessing of the Animals, let’s join in giving generously to their lifesaving work. To give, please scan the QR code above, visit www.tinyurl.com/ASCGive, or text the word SHARE to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti (Humorous Duet for Two Cats)
Christoph Ernst Friedrich Weyse (1774 – 1842)
 attributed to: *Gioachino Rossini (1792 – 1868)*

Hannah Shanefield, soprano; Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

ANIMAL PROMENADE

Old Yeller Dog Came Trottin’ through the Meetinghouse
Charlie Boyd Acuff (1919 – 2013)
 Lonely Otters *Julie Metcalf (b. 1987)*
 Old Grey Cat *Traditional Scottish Tune*
 Turtle in the Grass *Ariel Friedman (b. 1985)*

Julie Metcalf, violin
 Mark David Buckles, piano

*Please be sure to get a Certificate of Blessing from the ushers,
 or download and print one at ASCBoston.org*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

***HYMN 203**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky
 text: *St. Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226)*, attributed
 tune: *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirschengesang (1623)*

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
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you of understanding heart
Forgiving others, take your part
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless
And worship G*d in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste
I bow to the Divine in You.

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

Alley Cat *Bent Fabric* (1924 – 2020)
Cheng Cheng, 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, bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space), or a member of the staff will purchase them (~\$50). Please email our congregational administrator, Jess (JAcosta@ASCBoston.org), to claim your date! Thank you!