# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## **PRELUDE**

Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

### \*Processional Hymn 21

For the Beauty of the Earth ... text: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835 – 1917), adapted music: Conrad Kocher (1786 – 1872) arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

For the beauty of the earth
For the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
Source of all, to thee we raise
This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of ear and eye For the heart and mind's delight For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight Source of all, to thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night Hill and vale and tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of light Source of all, to thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of human care Sibling, kindred, parent, child For the kinship we all share For all gentle thoughts and mild Source of all, to thee we raise This, our hymn of grateful praise

## WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

### \*Hymn 1010

Oh, we give thanks for this precious day For all gathered here, and those far away For this time we share with love and care Oh, we give thanks for this precious day

GREETINGS ...... Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

# **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 <u>here</u>. During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

#### AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.

This is our great covenant: Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:

To dwell together in peace, Convivir en paz,

To speak our truths in love, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, And to help one another. Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

### \*Hymn

Break Not the Circle ...... text: Rev. Fred. Kaan (1929 – 2009) music: Michael Lehr, adapted

arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

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.

#### SERMON

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Cantata 196 ~ Der Herr denket an uns

music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

text: Psalm 115: 12-15

(please see last page for list of musicians and vocalists)

### **Original German Text**

### **English Translation**

### I. Sinfonia

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#### II. Chorus

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Der Herr denket an uns und segnet uns. Er segnet das Haus Israel, er segnet das Haus Aaron.

The Lord thinks of us and blesses us. He blesses the house of Israel, he blesses the house of Aaron.

### III. Aria (Soprano)

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Er segnet, die den Herrn fürchten, beide, Kleine und Große.

He blesses those who fear the Lord, both, small and great.

## IV. Duet (Tenor and Baritone)

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Der Herr segne euch je mehr und mehr, euch und eure Kinder.

May the Lord bless you more and more, you and your children.

#### V. Chorus

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Ihr seid die Gesegneten des Herrn, der Himmel und Erde gemacht hat. You are the blessed of the Lord, who has made heaven and earth.

Amen.

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#### 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 <u>www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC</u>; 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!

### TODAY'S SHARE THE PLATE: MOTOR CITY CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Our beloved Gerri Buckles, mother of Director of Music Mark David Buckles, Zooms in to Arlington Street from the Motor City most Sundays. For almost 30 years, she has led a gargantuan drive to provide Christmas "goodie bags" to hundreds of unhoused and under-resourced adults and children in Detroit something on the order of 500 bags! The bags (backpacks and duffels) contain a combination of mittens, scarves, hats, snow pants, hoodies, sweaters, coats, blankets, sleeping bags, wool socks, underwear, toiletries, toys, school supplies, snacks, single-serve meals, and candy. On Christmas Eve, Gerri & Mike Buckles and volunteers fan out across the city and distribute these gifts from the back of pickup trucks. Gerri says, "For me, this truly is living the American dream, where everyone looks out for others as best they can. It is my hope that throwing this little pebble into the pond will spread ripples of joy and caring



for others throughout the world." Today, with grateful hearts, let's help fund Gerri's astonishing generosity! To make your gift, please scan the QR code; visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the word SHARE to (617) 300-0509.

Thank you for your generosity!

#### **OFFERTORY**

from Jesus Jones

Mark David Buckles, piano

A woman on the radio talks about revolution When it's already passed her by Bob Dylan didn't have this to sing about You know it feels good to be alive

I was alive and I waited, waited I was alive and I waited for this

Right here, right now There is no other place I want to be Right here, right now Watching the world wake up from history

I saw the decade in, when it seemed the world could change At the blink of an eye And if anything Then there's your sign of the times

I was alive and I waited, waited I was alive and I waited for this

Right here, right now There is no other place I want to be Right here, right now Watching the world wake up from history

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

## \*Hymn 67

We Sing Now Together ...... text: Rev. Edwin T. Buehrer (1894 – 1969), alt. music: Adriaen Valerius (c. 1575 – 1625) arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

We sing now together our song of thanksgiving Rejoicing in goods which the ages have wrought For life that enfolds us, and helps and heals and holds us And leads beyond the goals which our forebears once sought

We sing of the freedoms which martyrs and heroes Have won by their labor, their sorrow, their pain The oppressed befriending, our ampler hopes defending Their death becomes a triumph, they died not in vain

We sing of the prophets, the teachers, the dreamers Designers, creators, and workers, and seers Our own lives expanding, our gratitude commanding Their deeds have made immortal their days and their years

We sing of community now in the making In every far continent, region, and land With those of all races, all times and names and places We pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand

#### 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, 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**

Carillon, from 24 Pieces in Free Style ...... Louis Vierne (1870 – 1937) Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

## CANTATA 196 ~ DER HERR DENKET AN UNS BY JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Mark David Buckles, conductor

Hannah Shanefield, soprano Daniel Rosensweig, tenor Andrew Stack, baritone

Rachel Panitch, violin
Julie Metcalf, violin
Vanessa Fitzgerald, viola
Ariel Friedman, violoncello
Anthony Damico, double bass
Hyunju Jung, organ

## The Arlington Street Church Choir

Sopranos
Eve Lauria
Gaby Whitehouse
\*Hannah Shanefield
Sophia O'Shea
Zoe Arguello

Altos Angela Lam Barbara Seidl \*Bek Zehr Jeanne Monaghan Rebecca Reid

Tenors
Daniel Rosensweig
\*Samuel LaGrego
Sharon Gentges

<u>Basses</u>
\*Andrew Stackhouse
Daniel Simpson
George Whitehouse
Richard Marshall
Stephen Wylie-Sears

\*denotes section leader



# 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!