Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, November 6^{th} , 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

Introit

Calm the Tempests of my Heart text: Søren Kierkegaard (1813 – 1855), adapted music: Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

Calm the tempests of my heart, O my G*d. Calm the tempests of my heart, O my G*d. Be still, O my soul, so that G*d may rest in thee, Bringing peace that the world can never take away.

GREETINGS Hala Hazar, Worship Coordinator

*Hymn

Finding my way, finding my way, finding my way, Finding my way, finding my way back home

Oh river, I hear you, feel you calling me Oh river, who will I be when I reach the sea?

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. Yel 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

Singing the Spirit Home Eric Bogle (b. 1944)

Courage, my friend, you do not go alone We will, go with you, and sing your spirit home

Justice...

Freedom....

Patience...

Dignity...

If not now, then when, you do not go alone We will, go as one, and sing your spirit home We will, go as one, and sing your spirit home

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

My Soul is a River music: Ben Allaway (b. 1958) text: Amos 5:24 and Ben Allaway

My soul is a river winding through a weary land.

"Let justice roll down like waters, righteousness like a mighty stream" Washing o'er a thirsty land.

My soul is a river, your soul is a river,

Join up down the river, fill a mighty ocean with peace.

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: ONLY A CHILD

Founded in Guatemala City in 1994 by Arlington Street member George Leger, the mission of Only a Child is to break the cycle of chronic hunger, malnutrition, disease, violent crime, and despair. To that end, they maintain a home and insure an education for youth from impoverished backgrounds. The home welcomes up to a dozen youths at a time and provides a surrogate family in which they are taught responsibility and accountability, develop confidence and self-esteem, and are supported in receiving an excellent education. Our gifts will support the Only a Child home and sponsor tuition at high-quality independent secondary schools and universities. To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; or text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509. For more information, please visit onlyachild.org. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Letter to the Past Brandi Carlile (b. 1981), Tim Hanseroth, and Phil Hanseroth Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

It's a game Baby, it's just a game And nobody loses When you learn to love the one Who finally wins sometimes

You'll be wrong 'Cause sometimes, we get it wrong But nobody leaves here alive And nothing holy comes from being right

So don't hold your breath like that Baby, let it go You're gonna feel it in your back Believe me, I oughta know

You're a stone wall In a world full of rubber bands You're a pillar of belief Still fighting your shaking hands Folks are gonna lean on you And leave when the cracks appear But, darling, I'll be here I'll be the last You're my letter to the past

You can cry
You know it's always okay to cry
You don't even need to know why
But don't you ever feel alone inside
If you need to know the truth
I still haven't got a clue
If the blind can lead the blind
Then, baby, I'm just like you

You're a stone wall
In a world full of rubber bands
You're a pillar of belief
Still fighting your empty hands
Folks are gonna lean on you
And leave when the cracks appear
But, darling, I'll be here
I'll be the last
You're my letter to the past

You're a stone wall
In a world full of rubber bands
You're a pillar of belief
Still hiding your empty hands
Folks are gonna lean on you
And leave when the cracks appear
Darling, I will be here
I'll be the last
You're my letter to the past

It's a game
You know it's okay to lose a game
But always remember your name
And have no shame because
You're built to last

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*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

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

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

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



* 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!*