



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

PRELUDE

L'Amour, Les Baguettes, Paris *Stella Jang* (b. 1991)

The Power of Your Love *Geoff Bullock* (b. 1955)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Erica Rose Long, Community Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

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

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

text: *Traditional Buddhist Meditation*

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

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo 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.

GREETINGS Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 38**

Morning Has Broken.....text: *Eleanor Farjeon* (1881–1965)

music: *Gaelic Melody*

harmonization: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where G*d's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning
G*d's recreation of the new day!

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.
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.

COVENANT RENEWAL 2024 ~ All In! *Rebecca Parkhill & Robert Willett*

In this season of Covenant Renewal, we renew our covenant of love and service and make pledges of financial gifts to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. Covenant Renewal Sunday is March 3rd! *All In!*



***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

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

Chorus

SERMON

Courage *Rev. Erica Rose Long*
Senior Staff Chaplain and Clinical Specialist of Spiritual Care
Massachusetts General Hospital
Arlington Street Affiliated Community Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Still Rising text: *Rev. Gretchen Haley* (b. 1975), adapted
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

When you've reached the end
But the fire still is raging
And the way is so unclear
Oh, love

There's a sweet release
In the risk of possibility
Oh, still rising

When your patience fails
And the winds of change
are howling
And the way is so unclear
Oh, love

Giving thanks and praise
For surprise and possibility
Oh, still rising
Oh, still rising

Still rising high like the butterfly
That opens with the kiss of the sun
Still rising high like the phoenix cry
At the promise of a new day begun

Still rising high as we wave goodbye
To the fear that blocks our
living as one
Still rising high as we testify
To the beauty found in everyone

Still rising
Oh, still rising

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
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 or by contacting Liz Teixeira at 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!

FEBRUARY SHARE THE PLATE: RENEWAL HOUSE

Founded in 1980, Renewal House provides temporary emergency shelter and advocacy services to individuals and families escaping domestic violence. Renewal House was one of the first domestic violence shelters in the state to provide shelter for male as well as female survivors, and is sought out by other agencies for its expertise in attending to the spiritual needs of survivors. Renewal House works closely with other programs that serve queer communities, as well as those that serve elders and individuals with disabilities, to support these under-served populations.

Among its many programs, Renewal House offers a 24-hour hotline, bilingual Spanish and English advocacy, support groups and pastoral counseling, English as a second language (ESL) classes and job training, and community outreach education.

To make your gift, please visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; scan the QR code above; or text the amount you want to give and the word **SHARE** (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Brave *Sara Bareilles* (b. 1979)

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals

Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

You can be amazing
You can turn a phrase into a weapon or a drug
You can be the outcast
Or be the backlash of somebody's lack of love
Or you can start speaking up
Nothing's gonna hurt you the way that words do
When they settle 'neath your skin
Kept on the inside and no sunlight
Sometimes a shadow wins
But I wonder what would happen if you

Chorus

Say what you wanna say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave
With what you want to say
And let the words fall out
Honestly I wanna see you be brave
Everybody's been there

Everybody's been stared down by the enemy
Fallen for the fear and done some disappearing
Bow down to the mighty
But don't run, stop holding your tongue
Maybe there's a way out of the cage where you live
Maybe one of these days you can let the light in
Show me how big your brave is!

Chorus

And since your history of silence
Won't do you any good
Did you think it would?
Let your words be anything but empty
Why don't you tell them the truth?

Chorus

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN**

Life Calls Us On text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Here in reverence now we gather
For the blessings we have known,
With a pledge to one another
That we journey not alone.
Joy and sorrow make us wise,
Kin to all that lives and dies;
Love calls us on, love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us
Waken here to keep us strong;
Blend our voices in the chorus
Of creation's living song.
Courage bids us lift our eyes
Upward to the shining skies;
Hope calls us on, hope calls on.

Loyal guides in love and duty
Lead us with a trusted light;
Blest are they whose inward beauty
Shows the path of truth and right.
Honor is their earthly prize;
By their work we realize,
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free,
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.
Bright the path before us lies
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

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
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

Anticipation *Kangsoo Chun*
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.*