



**ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

**PRELUDE**

I'm Just A... ..... *Yiruma* (b. 1978)

Don't Be Afraid ..... *Seokjoo Hyun*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

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

Rev. Fred Small (he/him)

Arlington Street Community Minister for Climate Justice

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

**INTROIT**

Be Like the Bird ..... text: *Victor Hugo* (1802–1885)

music: *Abbie Betinis* (b. 1980)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

Be like the bird that,  
Pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight,  
Feels them give way beneath her – and sings –  
Knowing she hath wings.

**GREETINGS** ..... Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), Worship Coordinator

**\*HYMN 100**

Peace Like a River..... *Marvin V. Frey* (1918–1992)

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

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

I've got joy like a fountain...  
I've got love like an ocean...  
I've got pain like an arrow...  
I've got tears like the raindrops...  
I've got strength like a mountain...  
I've got peace like a river...

### 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                      With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
All made holy, loved, and true                      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.
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### \*HYMN

Everything Possible ..... *Rev. Fred Small (b. 1952)*  
Rev. Fred Small, guitar and vocals

We have cleared off the table, leftovers saved  
Washed the dishes and put them away  
I've told you a story and tucked you in tight  
At the end of your knockabout day  
As the moon sets its sails to carry you to sleep  
Over the midnight sea

I will sing you a song no one sang to me  
May it keep you good company

You can be anybody you want to be  
You can love whomever you will  
You can travel any country where your heart leads  
And know I will love you still  
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around  
You can choose one special one  
And the only measure of your words and your deeds  
Will be the love you leave behind when you're done

Some children grow up strong and bold  
While some are quiet and kind  
Some race on ahead, some take it slow  
Some go in their own way and time  
Some women love women, some men love men  
Some leave every label behind  
You can dream all the day never reaching the end  
Of everything possible you'll find

Don't be rattled by names, by taunts, by games  
But seek out spirits true  
If you give your friends the best part of yourself  
They will give the same back to you  
You can be anybody you want to be  
You can love whomever you will  
You can travel any country where your heart leads  
And know I will love you still

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## **SERMON**

Be Not Afraid ..... Rev. Fred Small

## **SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

## ANTHEM

I Will Be Earth ..... text: *May Swenson* (1913–1989)  
music: *Gwyneth Walker* (b. 1947)

I will be earth, you be the flower,  
You have found my root, you are the rain,  
I will be boat, and you the rower.  
You rock me and toss me, you are the sea.

How be steady earth that is now a flood.  
The root is the oar afloat where has blown our bud.  
We will be desert, pure salt the seed.  
Burn radiant love, born scorpion need.

## 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)
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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!*

**MARCH SHARE THE PLATE: STANDING TOGETHER ~ OMDIM  
BEYACHAD-NAQIF MA'AN**

Standing Together is comprised of Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel who, in their own words, are “fighting for the soul and humanity of our society and for freedom and peace for all. Our future here is shared, and in order to guarantee a life here for all of us, we must do it together.... The harsh reality is that decades of [the current policies] have not made anyone any safer — not Jews, and not Palestinians. It is crucial that our society begins to understand that the only way to achieve security is through peace — and as long as we aren’t working toward that, nobody will ever have security.” After the October 7<sup>th</sup> attacks, they wrote: “Prolonged war = Palestinians in Gaza continue to die; Israeli hostages’ lives are put at risk. Ceasefire agreement and hostage release deal = Save innocent lives in Gaza; hostages return home alive. It’s actually that simple. It’s either both of us or neither of us.”

To make your gift, please visit [www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://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**

Don't Be Afraid ..... *Alex Wong* (b. 1974) & *Amber Rubarth* (b. 1982)  
from *The Paper Raincoat*

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals  
Rev. Joanna Lubkin (she/her), vocals

Don't be afraid of what you want  
Still staring at the skyline from the riverfront  
Buildings like mirrors reflect back on us  
Don't be afraid of what you want

Don't be afraid to start a fight  
You'll never see them swinging at you from behind  
Here let me see that, come into the light  
Don't be afraid to start a fight

If you cross your fingers, ghosts will pass right through  
From across the river, I'll watch over you

Don't be afraid of what you are  
The beauty's in the contrast of your clashing parts  
Stars shine the brightest when everything goes dark

Don't be afraid of what you are

If you cross your fingers, ghosts will pass right through  
And across the river, I will wait for you

So call it out, find the sound  
The world is waiting  
Then I'll be here  
In the glare of sunlight fading out

If you try to hide it, it only weighs you down  
Let the light surround it, exposing all you've found

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 1002

Comfort Me ..... *Mimi Bornstein-Doble* (b. 1964)

Comfort me, comfort me,  
Comfort me, oh my soul.  
Comfort me, comfort me,  
Comfort me, oh my soul.

Sing with me...  
Breathe with me...  
Dance with me...  
Comfort me...

## 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

Square's Dream ..... *Youngsuk Yoo* (b. 1965)  
Hyunju Jung, piano



This morning, we'll be singing *Everything Possible*, Rev. Fred Small's classic lullaby of unconditional love and inclusion. A beautiful picture book edition of Fred's song will be available for sale after the service. It's a wonderful gift for the children and former children in your life, and Fred will be glad to inscribe your copy. If you're joining via Zoom, you can find *Everything Possible* at your local bookstore or online at <https://nosycrow.us/product/everything-possible>.