



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

Honoring Earth Day

PRELUDE

Beautiful *Seungjoo Lee*
Hanamo (Flowers) *Mebig*
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

Hope *Ryan O'Neal* (b. 1983)
from *Sleeping at Last*

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals

There is hope in our eyes
When we truly see each other
Like the light of countless stars
We are not afraid of the dark

There is hope in our voice
When we listen to each other
Barriers disappeared
With every story told

'Cause there is hope in our hearts
And every single beat, we feel it
To the ends of the earth
Our echo carries on

We are sacred, we are strong
We are beautiful, we belong
Please hear our unheard song

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We are beautiful, we belong
Please hear our unheard song

There is hope in our eyes
When we truly see each other
We raise our flag, lift our voice

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

This is our moment
We are sacred, we are strong
This is our moment
We are beautiful, we belong
Please help us raise our flag

This is our moment
We are worthy, we are true
This is our moment
There are no borders from this view

There is hope in our eyes
When we truly see each other

GREETINGS Art Nava (he/him), Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 207**

Earth Was Given as a Garden text: *Roberta Bard* (b. 1940)
music: *Rowland Hugh Prichard* (1811–1887)

Earth was given as a garden, cradle for humanity;
Tree of life and tree of knowledge placed for our discovery
Here was home for all your creatures born of land and sky and sea
All created in your image, all to live in harmony.

Show to us again the garden where all life flows fresh and free
Gently guide your wayward children into full maturity
Teach us how to trust each other, how to use for good our power
How to touch the earth with reverence. Then once more will Eden flower.

Bless the earth and all your children, one creation: make us whole
Interwoven, all connected, planet wide and inmost soul
Holy mother, life bestowing, bid our waste and warfare cease
Fill us all with grace o'erflowing. Teach us how to live in peace.

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.

***HYMN**

Last Day on This Earth *David Roth*
Rev. Fred Small, guitar and vocals

If this is my last day on this earth
I'll say I sang, I'll say I sang
I'll say I sang for all that it was worth
If this is my last day on earth

If this is my last day on this earth
I'll raise my voice, I'll raise my voice
I'll raise my voice for all that it is worth
If this is my last day on earth

If this is my last day on this earth
I'll say I laughed, I'll say I laughed
I'll say I laughed for all that it was worth
If this is my last day on earth

I took one step, I climbed a hill
I said I won't, then I said I will
I'll say I lived for all that it was worth
If this is my last day on earth

I took one step, I climbed a hill
I said I won't, then I said I will
I'll say I lived for all that it was worth
If this is my last day on earth

If this is my last day on this earth
I'll say I loved, I'll say I loved
I'll say I loved for all that it was worth
If this is my last day on earth

If this is my last day on this earth
I'll say I cried, I'll say I cried
I'll say I cried for all that it was worth
If this is my last day on earth

I took one step, I climbed a hill
I said I won't, then I said I will
I'll say I lived for all that it was worth
If this is my last day on earth
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SERMON

In Defense of Hope Rev. Fred Small

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hope Struggle and Change *Roy Zimmerman (b. 1957) & Melanie Hardy*
Bek Zehr, guitar and vocals

Hope and change is what you voted for
But lookin' at you now, I know that you're
Wishing that you voted something more than "moving forward."
Hoping that the nation would be free
From the hand of ignorance and greed
But you know the slogan always needed just one more word

Chorus

Hope, struggle, and change
Hope, struggle, and change
Well there's trouble and danger on the road to justice
Gotta keep on hoping
Gonna keep my eyes open
And the change will come, change will come,
But it won't be easy

You know that civil rights didn't fall to us
The moment Rosa Parks stepped on that bus
So many fought and died for racial justice before and after
And suddenly a ray of hope appears
But only after years and years and years
And only cause of blood and sweat and tears
And yes, even laughter

Chorus

Elizabeth Cady Stanton never saw
A woman's right to vote become the law
But women everywhere now know the awesome load she carried
And Stonewall didn't settle any fight
There's been a lot of stonewalling since that night
But one more state just recognized
The right of people to be married

Chorus

We gotta hope and cry
Work until we die
We gotta plan and fail
Spend the night in jail
We gotta really get pissed,
Resist and raise a fist
We gotta try to revolutionize

We gotta bleed and need,
Suffer guaranteed
We gotta sweat, no doubt
Get the vote out
We gotta howl, yell
Raise a lotta hell
We gotta educate and organize
And keep our eyes on the prize

So asking any president to make
Fundamental change, that's our mistake
We gotta be a giant just awakening from its slumber
You know the moral arc of the universe
Is bending ever better, never worse
It's almost like the human race rehearsing for its big number

Chorus

The change will come, change will come
But it won't be free
Change will come, change will come
From you and me

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!

APRIL SHARE THE PLATE: SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are part of an international order of queer, clown nuns who pledge “to promulgate universal joy and eliminate stigmatic guilt.” Their ministry is to serve through education, entertainment, and activism. Their creed says, “We love you. We adore you. We respect you. We protect you. We serve you. We are your Sisters.”

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

Love Never Fails *Minjung Joo*
Hyunju Jung, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 163**

Bluegreen Hills of Earth text and music: *Kim Oler* (b. 1954)
("For the Earth Forever Turning") arrangement: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)
and *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

For the earth forever turning
For the skies, for every sea
For our lives, for all we cherish
Sing we our joyful song of peace

For the sun, for rain, and thunder
For the seasons' harmony
For our lives, for all creation
Sing we our joyful praise to thee

For the mountains, hills, and pastures
In their silent majesty
For the stars, for all the heavens
Sing we our joyful song of peace

For the world we raise our voices
For the home that gives us birth
In our joy we sing returning
Home to our bluegreen hills of earth

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

Dinosaur *Chanhyuk Lee* (b. 1996)
Hyunju Jung, piano



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 or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space). Please email office@ASCBoston.org to claim your date! *Thank you!*

This Spring at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

Saturday, May 4th, 6:00 pm ~ Annual Spring Gala

You are invited to our big, sparkly Spring Gala — delicious food, signature cocktails and mocktails, jazz, fabulous auction items, and dancing with a live DJ! We'll be celebrating Rev. Kim's 35 years of ministry. Buy your tickets or make a donation at <https://givebutter.com/c/ASCgala>.



Friday, May 17th, 12:00 pm ~ 20th Anniversary of Marriage Equality

It's been twenty years since Arlington Street hosted the first legal same-sex wedding in a church in the United States! We're working with partners in the movement to plan a fitting celebration. More soon!

Sunday, May 19th, 11:00 am ~ Groundbreaking Celebration

A plan is afoot for a celebration of the \$750,000 capital grant from the National Park Service in recognition of Arlington Street's role in queer history. Stay tuned!

Sunday, May 19th, 1:00 pm ~ Retirement Luncheon Honoring Rev. Kim

Queen Cheryl and her team invite you to a special luncheon celebrating our beloved Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie. Join us for an afternoon of songs, stories, and gifts as we express our gratitude for the countless ways Rev. Kim has touched our lives. The luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall and will begin after the Corporation Meeting.

Saturday, June 8th, 11:00 am ~ PRIDE!

Join the fun as our annual pre-parade service kicks off Boston's Pride celebration. As always, all people of good heart are welcome!