# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, June  $12^{\text{th}}$ , 2022

Prelude
Meditation on Simple Gifts
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ
<b>WELCOME</b> Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister
CHALICE LIGHTING: CREDO ("I BELIEVE")
Everything Is a Miracle
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.
INTROIT Arlington Street Church Choir
Here Together
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
We are here, here together In this holy moment And we're grateful for the winding road That brought us to this place
GREETINGS
WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS
We Need One Another
We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted
We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid
We need one another when we despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves again
We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone
We need one another in the hour of success,

We need one another in the hour of our defeat when, with encouragement, we might endure and stand again

when we look for someone to share our triumph

We need one another when we come to die, and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey

All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us

### \*HYMN 112

Do You Hear? ...... text: Emily L. Thorn (1915 – 2004) tune: William Caldwell's Union Harmony (1837) arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, violin

Do you hear, oh my friend, in the place where you stand, Through the sky, through the land, do you hear, do you hear? In the heights, on the plain, in the vale, on the main, In the sun, in the rain, do you hear, do you hear?

Through the roar, through the rush, through the throng, through the crush,

Do you hear in the hush of your soul, of your soul? Hear the cry fear won't still, hear the heart's call to will, Hear a sigh's startling trill in your soul, in your soul?

From the place where you stand to the outermost strand, Do you hear, oh my friend, do you hear, do you hear? All the dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers – They are yours, mine, and theirs – do you hear, do you hear?

All the dreams, all the dares, all the sighs, all the prayers – They are yours, mine, and theirs – do you hear, do you hear?

# **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 here. 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 our 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 16

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free 'tis a gift to come down where you ought to be And when we find ourselves in the place just right 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Til by turning, turning we come round right.

#### **SERMON**

It Is Just Enough ...... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

# SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Look to This Day ...... text: *Kālidāsa* (c. 4th-5th century Hindu) music: *Adolphus Hailstork* (b. 1941)

Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life!
The bliss of growth,
The glory of action,
The splendor of beauty.
For yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well-lived makes
Every yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look to this day!
For it is life, the very life of life!
Look to this day!

# A CELEBRATION OF COVENANT RENEWAL ...... Al Ingram, Chair

With thanks to the Covenant Renewal Team:

Liz Teixeira, Mary Gillach, Philip Roberts, Rev. Beth, and Rev. Kim

#### 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 <a href="www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC">www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC</a>; 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: BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS

The <u>Boston Gay Men's Chorus</u> is 250 proud voices, shattering stereotypes with its groundbreaking community outreach and celebrated for its outstanding musicianship and creative programming under the dynamic leadership of Reuben M. Reynolds III. The BGMC has been a special partner to Arlington Street since its founding here in 1982, spending Christmas Eve together, participating in each other's fundraising, and working together for justice. During these pandemic years, the BGMC has generously hosted us in its Zoom room on Christmas Eve and donated precious video footage of previous holiday concerts so the show could go on. After a two-year COVID hiatus, they return to Symphony Hall this month with Disney PRIDE, a concert honoring the life of Reuben's late husband, Arlington Street's former Director of Music, Bill Casey. In memory of Bill's exuberance and in celebration of Pride, let's show them our thanks with a generous gift. *Thank you for your generosity!* 

#### **OFFERTORY**

Being Alive, from Company ....... Stephen Sondheim (1930 – 2021)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor Cheng Cheng, piano

Someone to hold you too close Someone to hurt you too deep Someone to sit in your chair And ruin your sleep

Someone to need you too much Someone to know you too well Someone to pull you up short To put you through hell

Someone you have to let in Someone whose feelings you spare Someone who, like it or not Will want you to share A little a lot

Someone to crowd you with love Someone to force you to care Someone to make you come through Who'll always be there As frightened as you Of being alive Being alive

Somebody hold me too close Somebody hurt me too deep Somebody sit in my chair And ruin my sleep And make me aware Of being alive

## Being alive

Somebody need me too much Somebody know me too well Somebody pull me up short And put me through hell And give me support For being alive Make me alive Make me alive

Make me confused Mock me with praise Let me be used Vary my days But alone Is alone Not alive

Somebody crowd me with love Somebody force me to care Somebody let come through I'll always be there As frightened as you To help us survive Being alive Being alive Being alive

### 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**

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste *I bow to the Divine in You.* 

## **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

An Irish Blessing ...... text: Traditional Gaelic Blessing music: Everett Reed

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May G\*d hold you in the palm of their hand

#### 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.

This morning's pulpit flowers are a gift from the Richard Mattoli flower fund.

Thank you, Richard!