

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH, 2022

PRELUDE

Gymnopédies, No.2 *Erik Satie* (1866 – 1925)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit *Doris Akers* (1923 – 1995)

Dreaming *Phillip Keveren* (b. 1961)

Leaves on the Seine *David Lanz* (b. 1950)

Cheng Cheng, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING Rev. Fred Small

Prayer of Awareness *John Philip Newell*

Light within all light

Soul behind all souls

At the break of dawn

At the coming of day

We wait and watch.

Your Light within the morning light

Your Soul within the human soul

Your presence beckoning to us

from the heart of life.

In the dawning of this day

Let us know fresh shinings in our soul.

In the growing colors of new beginning

all around us, let us know the first lights of our heart.

Great Star of morning

Inner flame of the universe

Let us be a color in the new dawning.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS Patrick Cooleybeck, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN**

Welcome In *Sarina Partridge* (b. 1985)

Welcome in, wild hearts

Welcome in, wild hearts

Welcome in, wild hearts

We will sing our way to wholeness

Welcome in, tender hearts

Welcome in, tender hearts

Welcome in, tender hearts

We will sing our way to wholeness

Welcome in, grieving hearts
Welcome in, grieving hearts
Welcome in, grieving hearts
We will sing our way to wholeness

Welcome in, longing hearts
Welcome in, longing hearts
Welcome in, longing hearts
We will sing our way to wholeness

Welcome in, courageous hearts
Welcome in, courageous hearts
Welcome in, courageous hearts
We will sing our way to wholeness

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 203**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

text: *St. Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226)*, attributed
tune: *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirschengesang (1623)*

Bek Zehr, Mezzo Soprano

All creatures of the earth and sky
Come, kindred, lift your voices high
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam
Soft shining moon with silver gleam
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong
White clouds that sail in heav'n along
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice
High stars of evening find a voice
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear
Make music for all life to hear
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright
And bless us with your warmth and light
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Embracing earth, you, day by day
Bring forth your blessings on our way
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow
Let them the glory also show
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you of understanding heart
Forgiving others, take your part
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless
And worship God in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

SERMON

The Peace of Trees Rev. Fred Small

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Resilient *Leah Song and Chloe Smith
of Rising Appalachia*

Bek Zehr, guitar and vocals

I am resilient
I trust the movement
I negate the chaos
Uplift the negative
I'll show up at the table, again and again and again
I'll close my mouth and learn to listen

These times are poignant
The winds have shifted
It's all we can do
To stay uplifted
Pipelines through backyards
Wolves howlin' out front
Yeah, I got my crew but truth is what I want
Realigned and on point
Power to the peaceful
Prayers to the waters
Women at the center
All vessels open to give and receive
Let's see the system brought down to its knees

I'm made of thunder
I'm made of lightning
I'm made of dirt (yeah)
Made of the fine things

My father taught me that I'm a speck of dust
And this world was made for me
So let's go and try our luck

I got my roots down, down, down, down
Down, down, down, down, down, deep

I got my roots down, down, down, down
Down, down, down, down, down, deep

So what are we doing here? What has been done?
What are you gonna do about it when the world comes undone?
My voice feels tiny and I'm sure so does yours
But put us all together we make a mighty roar

I am resilient
I trust the movement
I negate the chaos
Uplift the negative
I'll show up at the table, again and again and again
I'll close my mouth and learn to listen

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: BOSTON GAY MEN'S CHORUS

The [Boston Gay Men's Chorus](#) 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

Largo “Ombra mai fu”, from *Xerxes*, HWV 40

George Frideric Handel (1685 – 1759)

Cheng Cheng, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***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

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..

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

The words of Stephanie Kaza

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) *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Bek Zehr, guitar and vocals
Cheng Cheng, piano

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

Shine On Us *Michael W. Smith* (b. 1957) and *Debbie Smith* (b. 1958)

Cheng Cheng, piano

