

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 2022

PRELUDE

Let Us Rejoice *GMWA Mass Choir*

Walking Up the King's Highway *Loretta Oliver (b. 1934)*

Early in the Morning *Edwin Hawkins (1943 – 2018)*

WELCOME Queen Cheryl Thieret

INTROIT

Oh Bless the Lord, my Soul *Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)*
from *Godspell*

Bek Zehr, vocals
Joe Della Penna, piano

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
His praise to thee proclaim
And all that is within me join
To bless his holy name, oh yeah

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
His mercies bear in mind
Forget not all his benefits
The Lord to thee is kind

He will not always chide
He will with patience wait
His wrath is ever slow to rise

And ready to abate
And ready to abate
And ready to
And ready to abate, oh yeah

He pardons all thy sins
Prolongs thy feeble breath
He health thine infirmities
And ransoms thee from death

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, oh, yeah
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul

He clothes thee with his love
Upholds thee with his truth
And like an eagle he renews
The vigor of thy youth

Then bless his holy name
Who's grace has made thee whole

Who's love and kindness crowns
Thy days

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
Oh, bless the Lord
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord
Bless the Lord
Bless the Lord
Bless the Lord, my soul

Oh, bless the Lord
Oh, bless the Lord
My soul
Oh, bless the Lord, my soul

CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 1007**

There's a River Flowin' in My Soul *Faya Ora Rose Touré* (b. 1945)

Bek Zehr, vocals
Cheng Cheng, piano

There's a river flowin' in my soul
There's a river flowin' in my soul
And it's telling me that I'm somebody
There's a river flowin' in my soul

There's a river flowin' in my heart...

There's a river flowin' in my mind...

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 1024

When the Spirit Says Do *African American Civil Rights Song*

Bek Zehr, vocals; Cheng Cheng, piano

You've got to do when the spirit says do!
You've got to do when the spirit says do!
When the spirit says do, you've got to do, oh Lord!
You've got to do when the spirit says do!

Spirit says do, spirit says do
Spirit says do, spirit says do
Spirit says do, spirit says do
Spirit says do, spirit says do!

You've got to sing when the spirit says sing
You've got to sing when the spirit says sing
When the spirit says sing, you've got to sing, oh Lord!
You've got to sing when the spirit says sing

Spirit says sing, spirit says sing... (repeat)

You've got to shout when the spirit says shout
You've got to shout when the spirit says shout
When the spirit says shout, you've got to shout, oh Lord!
You've got to shout when the spirit says shout

Spirit says shout, spirit says shout... (repeat)

You've got to dance when the spirit says dance
You've got to dance when the spirit says dance
When the spirit says dance, you've got to dance, oh Lord!
You've got to dance when the spirit says dance

Spirit says dance, spirit says dance... (repeat)

You've got to do when the spirit says do!
You've got to do when the spirit says do!
When the spirit says do, you've got to do, oh Lord!
You've got to do when the spirit says do!

Spirit says do, spirit says do....! (repeat)

SERMON

Born Again...(Again) Queen Cheryl Thieret

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Oh Happy Day *Edwin Hawkins* (1943 – 2018)

Bek Zehr, vocals

Joe Della Penna, piano

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, it's a happy day (Oh, happy day)

He taught me how (He taught me how)
To watch and fight and pray
Watch and pray

And live rejoicing every day
Every day

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)

He taught me how (He taught me how)
To watch and fight and pray
Watch and pray

And live rejoicing every day (Good G*d)
Every day

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, it's a happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, lord (Oh, happy day)
Mmm, good G*d (Oh, happy day)
Oh yeah (Oh, happy day)
Mmm, oh (Oh, happy day)

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!*



SUMMER SHARE THE PLATE

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.

Since September, we have given generously to many causes about which we are passionate, including NEADS Service Dogs; Gay for Good, the Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center and The Memory Project (support for refugee families arriving from Afghanistan); and World Central Kitchen (feeding Ukrainian refugees). During the Summer months, our Share the Plate offerings are saved to use for future local emergencies and to help in rescue and rebuilding efforts following natural (and unnatural) disasters around the world. In 2017, we were able to make a significant gift in the wake of a 10-alarm fire in East Cambridge that displaced over 100 residents just weeks before Christmas. This past September, we supported Louisiana’s Lowlander Center’s Hurricane Ida relief, doubling our impact with gifts from the summer Share the Plate. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Holy Now *Peter Mayer (b. 1963)*

Bek Zehr, vocals and guitar

When I was a boy, each week
On Sunday, we would go to church
And pay attention to the priest
And consecrate the holy bread
And everyone would kneel and bow
Today the only difference is
Everything is holy now
Everything, everything
Everything is holy now

When I was in Sunday school
We would learn about the time
Moses split the sea in two
Jesus made the water wine
And I remember feeling sad
That miracles don’t happen still
But now I can’t keep track
'Cause everything’s a miracle

Everything, Everything
Everything s a miracle

Wine from water is not so small
But an even better magic trick
Is that anything is here at all
So the challenging thing becomes
Not to look for miracles
But finding where there isn't one

When holy water was rare at best
It barely wet my fingertips
But now I have to hold my breath
Like I m swimming in a sea of it
It used to be a world half there
Heaven's second rate hand-me-down
But I walk it with a reverent air
'Cause everything is holy now
Everything, everything
Everything is holy now

Read a questioning child's face
And say it's not a testament
That d be very hard to say
See another new morning come
And say it's not a sacrament
I tell you that it can't be done

This morning, outside I stood
And saw a little red-winged bird
Shining like a burning bush
Singing like a scripture verse
It made me want to bow my head
I remember when church let out
How things have changed since then
Everything is holy now
It used to be a world half-there
Heaven's second rate hand-me-down
But I walk it with a reverent air
'Cause everything is holy now

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 118

This Little Light of Mine *African American Spiritual*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Bek Zehr, vocals; Cheng Cheng, piano

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere, I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere, I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

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)

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

Lord Help Me to Stand *GMWA Mass Choir*



** 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.*