

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2022

PRELUDE

Moon River *Henry Mancini* (1924 – 1994)

Be Thou My Vision (Slane) *Traditional Irish Melody*

Méditation (Thaïs) *Jules Massenet* (1842 – 1912)

Cheng Cheng, piano

WELCOME Valentina Danielle Rosa

CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

GREETINGS Lucy Humphrey, Worship Coordinator

*HYMN 1000

Morning Has Come *Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

Morning has come, arise and greet the day
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness
The light of hope here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n
Wonder fills this moment shared together
The light of peace here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

Open our eyes to see that life abounds
Open hearts to welcome it among us
The light of love here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

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**

It Only Takes A Moment *Jerry Herman*
from *Hello Dolly*

Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

It only takes a moment
For your eyes to meet and then
Your heart knows in a moment
You will never be alone again.

I held them for an instant
But my arms felt sure and strong
It only takes a moment
To be loved a whole life long.

I've heard it said that love must grow
That to be sure, you must be slow.
I saw you smile, and now I know.
I'll listen to just my heart.
That smile made me trust my heart.

For it only takes a moment
For your eyes to meet and then
Your heart knows in a moment
You will never be alone again.

I held them for an instant
But my arms felt sure and strong
It only takes a moment
To be loved a whole life long.

And that is all that love's about
And we'll recall when time runs out
That it only took a moment
To be loved a whole life long.

SERMON

Mindful Presence: Focusing on the Moment *Valentina Danielle Rosa*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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

Meditation No. 6 *John Kramer* (b. 1973)

Cheng Cheng, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1028

The Fire of Commitment *Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Daniel Rosensweig, Tenor

From the light of days remembered burns a beacon bright and clear
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits into faith set free from fear.

Chorus

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the stories of our living rings a song both brave and free,
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

Chorus

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new, prophetic voice,
Which demands a deeper justice built by our courageous choice

Chorus

When the fire of commitment sets our mind and soul a blaze
When our hunger and our passion meet to call us on our way
When we live with deep assurance of the flame that burns within,
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future can begin.

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)

Daniel Rosensweig, 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

Open the Eyes of My Heart *Paul Baloche* (b.1962)

Cheng Cheng, piano

