

**Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist**

Boston, Massachusetts

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**INGATHERING SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE**

Love Me ..... *Yiruma* (b. 1978)

Always ..... *Irving Berlin* (1907 – 1971)

Hymne à L'amour ..... *Marguerite Monnot* (1903 – 1961)

(Hymn to Love)

Cheng Cheng, piano

**\*PROCESSIONAL**

**Hymn 361** Enter, Rejoice, and Come In ..... *Louise Ruspini*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Andrew Stack, baritone

Enter, rejoice, and come in

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Today will be a joyful day!

Enter, rejoice, and come in!

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

Open your hearts, everyone...

Open your ears to the song...

Don't be afraid of some change...

Enter, rejoice, and come in...

**WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, GREETINGS, & GRATITUDE**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

**\*HYMN 1014**

Answering the Call of Love .....text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)

music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

The promise of the Spirit

Faith, hope and love abide

And so every soul is blessed and made whole

The truth in our hearts is our guide

Chorus

We are answering the call of love

Hands joined together as hearts beat as one

Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim

We are answering the call of love

Sometimes we build a barrier

to keep love tightly bound

Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear  
Denying the beauty we've found

Chorus

We are answering the call of love  
Hands joined together as hearts beat as one  
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim  
We are answering the call of love

A bright new day is dawning  
when love will not divide  
Reflections of grace in every embrace  
Fulfilling the vision divine

Chorus

We are answering the call of love  
Hands joined together as hearts beat as one  
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim  
We are answering the call of love

**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

**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**

Break Not the Circle..... text: *Rev. Fred. Kaan (1929 – 2009)*  
music: *Michael Lehr*, adapted

Julie Metcalf, violin  
Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Break not the circle of abiding love  
Where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;  
Break not that circle, make it wider still,  
'Til it includes, embraces all the living.

Join then the movement of the love that frees,  
'Til people of whatever race or nation  
Will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,  
See eye to eye in grateful liberation.

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life,  
Where words of freedom are with humor spoken,  
And people keep no score of wrong and guilt,  
But will that human bonds remain unbroken.

## SERMON

Love Like There's No Tomorrow ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

### GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

This time is an invitation to share – in a word or two – the gifts of the spirit you bring to this new year (e.g., enthusiasm, kindness). The incarnate congregation is invited to write yours on the card you received as you arrived this morning. Zoomers are encouraged to write your gifts in the chat! Rev. Kim and Rev. Beth will be reading them from the pulpit as a blessing on this beloved spiritual community.

### ANTHEM

Love Like There's No Tomorrow..... *Michael Trotter Jr.*  
from *The War and Treaty*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Lovin' every night and day  
Lovin' all our troubles away  
We goin' love like there's no tomorrow

Lovin' every minute and hour  
Lovin' past our own power  
We goin' love like there's no tomorrow

We goin' love like there's no tomorrow  
We goin' love like there's no to-  
Love like there's no tomorrow

Lovin' on down to wire  
Love burnin' like a wildfire  
We goin' love like there's no tomorrow

Love stomping like a floorboard  
Love giving me a little more  
We goin' love like there's no tomorrow

We goin' love like there's no tomorrow  
We goin' love like there's no to-  
Love like there's no tomorrow

We goin' love love love  
Love for my family  
Love for my kindred  
Love past the color  
Love for the nations  
Love on every occasion

Love, love, love  
Love, love, love

We goin' love like there's no tomorrow  
We goin' love like there's no to-  
Love like there's no tomorrow

## 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](http://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!*

## SEPTEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: EMA FUND

Since 1999, the Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund (EMAFund.org) has helped people who can't afford the costs associated with securing a safe abortion. Every year, the EMA Fund supports hundreds of callers with the funding or logistical assistance they need to access abortion services.



Our own Eve Lauria volunteers for the EMA Fund. Let's support reproductive rights and, especially, help flatten the threshold for everyone seeking autonomy over their bodies and their lives. To give, please scan this QR code, visit [www.tinyurl.com/ASCGive](http://www.tinyurl.com/ASCGive), or text the word SHARE to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY

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

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano  
Mark David Buckles, piano  
Julie Metcalf, violin

I am alive, I am awake  
I am aware of what light tastes like  
The curtains drawn, the table's set  
I wanna be, I wanna be at my best  
It's bittersweet, it's poetry  
A careful pruning of my dead leaves  
It's holy ground, a treasure chest  
I'm on my knees and only scratch the surface

Like fists unraveling  
Like glass unshattering

We're breaking all the rules  
We're breaking bread again  
And we're swallowing light  
'Til we're fixed from the inside

Out of the woods, out of the dark  
I'm well aware of the shadows in my heart  
I wanna feel tectonic shifts  
I wanna be, I wanna be astonished  
I wanna be astonished

So I propose a toast  
To fists unraveling  
To glass unshattering  
To breaking all the rules  
To breaking bread again

We're swallowing light  
And we're swallowing our pride  
We're raising our glass  
'Til we're fixed from the inside  
'Til we're fixed from the inside

We're nothing less than a work in progress  
Sacred text on Post-It notes  
We only speak of a world in pieces  
Let's make a map of what matters most  
Where every fracture is a running river  
Leading us back to our golden coasts

Here's to showing up  
To fists unraveling  
To glass unshattering  
To breaking all the rules  
To breaking bread again  
We're swallowing light  
And we're swallowing our pride  
We're raising our glass  
'Til we're fixed from the inside  
'Til we're fixed from the inside

## **PARISH HIGHLIGHTS**

### **\*HYMN**

Put a Little Love in Your Heart.....*Jackie DeShannon* (b. 1941)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Think of your fellow man  
Lend him a helping hand  
Put a little love in your heart  
You see it's getting late  
Oh, please don't hesitate  
Put a little love in your heart

And the world will be a better place  
And the world will be a better place

For you and me  
If we work to make it be

Another day goes by  
And still the children cry  
Put a little love in your heart  
If you want the world to know  
We won't let hatred grow  
Put a little love in your heart

And the world will be a better place  
And the world will be a better place  
For you and me  
If we work to make it be  
If we work to make it be

Take a good look around  
And if you're lookin' down  
Put a little love in your heart  
And I hope when you decide  
Justice will be your guide  
Put a little love in your heart  
Put a little love in your heart (repeat)

### **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)

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**

Can You Feel the Love Tonight.....*Elton John* (b. 1947)  
from *The Lion King*

Cheng Cheng, piano

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