

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

*You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the end of greetings.*

## **PRELUDE**

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Luce ..... *Ludovico Einaudi* (b. 1955)

Linli Wang, piano

## **WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING**

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

## **INTROIT**

*In celebration of today's visit to the Islamic Center of Boston  
and our commitment to our Muslim neighbors*

Adinu ..... text: *Ibn 'Arabi* (1165 - 1240), *Isaiah 6:3*,  
*and traditional Islamic prayer*  
music: *traditional Sufi melody*  
choral arrangement: *Shireen Abu-Khader*  
*and André de Quadros*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Jessica Johnson Brock, soprano

Linli Wang, harmonium

I follow the religion of love  
Wherever love is found  
For love is my religion and my faith  
  
Holy, holy, holy  
You are the Lord God  
Heaven and earth  
Are full of your great glory  
  
Almighty God, of great dignity  
Our Creator, I ask you to be merciful on all  
I come to you, the revealer of all obstacles  
Hoping for your approval as I have none but you

## **GREETINGS**

### **\*HYMN 151**

I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel to be Free

Julie Metcalf, violin

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Longtime Sun ..... *Mike Heron* (b. 1942)  
from *A Very Cellular Song* ..... arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

May the long - time\_ sun shine up - on\_ you,  
All\_\_\_\_\_ love sur - round you, And the pure\_\_\_\_\_  
light with - in\_ you guide\_\_\_\_\_ your way  
on, guide\_\_\_\_\_ your way on.

*At this time, all children are welcome to join  
the Children's Religious Education program!*

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary ..... *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs* (b. 1953)  
text adapted: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*  
music arranged: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

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.
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## \*HYMN 15

The Lone, Wild Bird

## SERMON

Uncle! ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

*\*You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

## ANTHEM

Let Go ..... *DeWayne Woods* (b. 1975)

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Just when I stop worrying  
Wondering how the story ends  
I let go and I let love  
Let love lead the way

That's when things started happening  
When I stopped looking at back then  
I let go and I let love  
Let love lead the way

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. *Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

## OFFERTORY

Let it Go ..... *Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez* (b. 1975)  
from *Frozen*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

### \*HYMN 95

There is More Love ..... arranged: *Buckles*

### \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

The Serenity Prayer ..... *Reinhold Niebuhr* (1892 - 1971)

### \*RECESSIONAL (*sung twice; please join in!*)

When You Walk From Here ..... text: *Linnea Good*  
music: *Tom Witt*, arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

*When you walk from here, When you walk from here,  
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, and with God's humble care.*

## POSTLUDE

Touch the Sky ..... *Kevin Kern* (b. 1958)  
Linli Wang, piano

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## Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

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If you have arrived with a baby or small child, welcome! Feel free to slip out as needed to the nursery, where you'll find a rocking chair, changing table, and toys. The worship service is broadcast for your listening pleasure! To reach the nursery, go through the leather door to the right of the pulpit, cross through the chapel, and look for the door on your left before the stairs.

We are excited to kick off CRE groups this morning. If your children are planning to participate today, please be sure that you have completed their CRE registration form for the new church year.

<b>CRE Group</b>	<b>Pre-K (3yrs - K)</b>	<b>Spirit Play (K-2nd)</b>	<b>UU Super Heroes (3rd-5th)</b>
<b>Location</b>	Hunnewell Chapel	Perkins Room	Parish Hall

Boston Area YoUUth group will gather at 12:30 in the Perkins Room for pizza, conversation, and travel to the Islamic Center.

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## **Today's Share the Plate: Into the Woods**

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In partnership with the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center and the National Forest Service, forty-eight students and family members from the Mather School in Dorchester and the Hawthorne Youth Community Center in Roxbury recently spent an invigorating, inspiring weekend in Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest. Arlington Street Church is honored and thrilled to be part of this partnership. Today, our collection will contribute to seed money to ensure that this program will continue in the future. For more information, please speak with Rev. George Whitehouse, who chaperoned this year's camping trip and would be thrilled for company next summer!

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## **About Today's Introit**

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Adinu (Chorus and Solo 1) is a traditional Sufi melody, the text of which is attributed to the Andalusian Moorish Sufi mystic, philosopher, poet, and sage, Ab Abd All h Mu ammad ibn Al ibn Mu ammad ibn Arab al- tim a - (1165-1240). Born and brought up in Spain, and traveling widely in Asia Minor, he died in Damascus. Regarded as one of the most influential figures in world spirituality, his writings numbered more than 350 books, which he considered to be divinely inspired by the prophets Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad. Known as "The Great Master," he believed that love was the dominant existential and universal force. Accordingly, he is, even today, a powerful symbol of inter-religious harmony.

Qudduus (Solo 2) means "Holy" and is a text from Isaiah 6:3, that is central to Christian, Islamic, and Jewish worship. In Islam, Qudduus refers to one of the 99 names of God as found in the Qur'an. The text is strikingly similar to the Christian Sanctus (Latin for "Holy") and is a precursor to it. The melody is derived from a Christian Maronite hymn.

Subhanaka (Solo 3) is a prayer for forgiveness in the Islamic ibtihal tradition. Muslims are taught many such phrases to repeat daily to ask for God's forgiveness.