Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2021

Honoring El Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and All Souls

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

Introit

Breaths music: Ysaye Barnwell (b. 1946) text: Birago Diop (1906 – 1989), adapted

Mark David Buckles, vocals and percussion Julie Metcalf, vocals

Listen more often to things than to beings Listen more often to things than to beings 'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard 'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters Zah whsshh, aahh whsshh

Those who have died have never, never left
The dead are not under the earth
They are in the rustling trees
They are in the groaning woods
They are in the crying grass
They are in the moaning rocks
The dead are not under the earth

So listen more often to things than to beings Listen more often to things than to beings 'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard 'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters Zah whsshh, aahh whsshh

Those who have died have never, never left The dead have a pact with the living They are in the woman's breast They are in the wailing child They are with us in our homes They are with us in this crowd The dead have a pact with the living

So listen more often to things than to beings Listen more often to things than to beings 'Tis the ancestors' breath when the fire's voice is heard 'Tis the ancestors' breath in the voice of the waters Zah whsshh, aahh whsshh

GREETINGS Art Nava, Worship Coordinator

*Hymn 96

I Cannot Think of Them as Dead text: Rev. Frederick Hosmer (1850 – 1929) tune: Irish Melody

arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

I cannot think of them as dead Who walk with me no more; Along the path of life I tread They are but gone before, They are but gone before.

And still their silent ministry
Within my heart has place
As when on earth they walked with me
And met me face to face
And met me face to face.

Their lives are made forever mine; What they to me have been Has left henceforth its seal and sign Engraven deep within, Engraven deep within.

Mine are they by an ownership Nor time nor death can free; For G*d has given to love to keep Its own eternally, Its own eternally.

PRESENTE Art Nava
Remember Blake Jeremy Kittel (b. 1984)

Julie Metcalf, violin Mark David Buckles, guitar

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 <u>here</u>. During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación And service is our gift. Yel servicio es nuestro regalo.

This is our great covenant: Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:

To dwell together in peace, Convivir en paz,

To speak our truths in love, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, And to help one another. Yayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*Hymn

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, viola and vocals

They wouldn't hear your music
And they pulled your paintings down
They wouldn't hear your writing
And they banned you from the town
But they couldn't stop you dreaming
And a victory you did win
For you sowed the seeds of freedom
In your children and your kin

In your children and your kin Your children and your kin You sowed the seeds of freedom In your children and your kin

Your weary smile it proudly hides
The chain marks on your hands
As you bravely strive to realize
The rights of everyone
And though your body's bent and low
A victory you did win
For you sowed the seeds of justice
In your children and your kin

In your children and your kin Your children and your kin You sowed the seeds of justice In your children and your kin

I don't know your religion
But one day I heard you pray
For a world where everyone can work
And children they can play
And though you never got your share
Of the fruits you did win
You sowed the seeds of equality
In your children and your kin

In your children and your kin Your children and your kin You sowed the seeds of equality In your children and your kin

They taunted you in Belfast
And they tortured you in Spain
And in that Warsaw ghetto
Where they tied you up in chains
In Vietnam and in Chile
Where they came with tanks and guns
It's there you sowed the seeds of peace
In your children and your kin

In your children and your kin Your children and your kin Cause there you sowed the seeds of peace In your children and your kin

And now your music's playing
And the writing's on the wall
And all the dreams you painted
Can be seen by one and all
Now you've got them thinking
And the future can begin
For you sowed the seeds of freedom
In your children and your kin

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SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

Thank you for the days

Those endless days, those sacred days you gave me

I'm thinking of the days

I won't forget a single day, believe me

I bless the light

I bless the light that lights on you, believe me

And though you're gone

You're with me every single day, believe me

Days I'll remember all my life

Days when you can't see wrong from right

You took my life

But then I knew that very soon you'd leave me

But it's all right

Now I'm not frightened of this world, believe me

I wish today could be tomorrow

The night is dark, it just brings sorrow, let it wait

Thank you for the days

Those endless days, those sacred days you gave me

I'm thinking of the days

I won't forget a single day, believe me

I bless the light

I bless the light that shines on you, believe me

And though you're gone

You're with me every single day, believe me

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount vou'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up



automatic payments via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Closer than ever, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

OFFERTORY

Joe Della Penna, piano and vocals

in memory of Mark Della Penna Adam Schlesinger David Arteaga and Mike Renzi

This moment, this minute and each second in it Will leave a glow upon the sky And as time goes by It will never die

This will be my shining hour Calm and happy and bright And in my dreams, your face will flower Through the darkness of the night

Like the lights of home before me Or an angel who's watching o'er me This will be my shining hour 'Til I'm with you again

When lonely feelings chill The meadows of your mind Just think if winter comes Can spring be far behind?

Beneath the deepest snows The secret of a rose Is merely that it knows You must believe in spring

Just as a tree is sure Its leaves will reappear It knows its emptiness Is just a time of year

The frozen mountains dreams Of April's melting streams How crystal clear it seems You must believe in spring

You must believe in love And trust it's on its way Just as a sleeping rose Awaits the kiss of May So in a world of snow Of things that come and go Where what you think you know You can't be certain of You must believe in spring and love

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER SHARE THE PLATE:

SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES ARRIVING FROM AFGHANISTAN

Some 65,000 Afghans will be arriving in the United States in the next few months — the greatest humanitarian mobilization since the end of the Vietnam War. Many of them assisted American military and government officials and their families; they are American patriots. On the final weekend in September, the first two families fleeing Afghanistan arrived at Logan Airport. Before us is the extraordinary opportunity to support the resettlement of at least 1,100 people in Massachusetts who will need help with food, housing, education, jobs, health care, and other essentials to rebuild



their lives in safety and peace. Our contributions to this month's Share the Plate will go to the Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center (riacboston.org), with offices in Boston, Lynn, and Worcester. RIAC will make cash donations directly to these families to assist with basics (food, clothing, toiletries, and rent) and will use donations to support their services and programs. *Thank you for your generosity!*

*Hymn 103

For All the Saintstext: William Walsham How (1823 – 1897) music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

For all the saints who from their labors rest Who thee by faith before the world confessed Thy name most holy be forever blest Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their shelter, and their might Their strength and solace in the well-fought fight Thou, in the darkness deep their one true light Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion of the saints divine! We live in struggle, they in glory shine Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong Alleluia! Alleluia!

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, 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

*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.



Need help? The Tech Team will be monitoring Arlington Street's Facebook page on Sunday morning. If you need assistance, please post a comment to www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch, send a Facebook message, or email Outreach@ASCBoston.org.

This morning's pulpit flowers are a gift from the Richard Mattoli flower fund.

Thank you, Richard!