# Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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Sunday, March  $28^{\text{th}}$ , 2021

## **PRELUDE**

Yulia Yun, piano

## WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

## Introit

Hear My Song ...... Jason Robert Brown (b. 1970)

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

Child, I know you're weary And your eyes want to close The days are getting longer We're not getting any stronger Trust me, Mama knows...

But lie in my arms while you're sleeping And think of the rivers you've crossed I'll tell you the dreams I've been keeping For moments like this When your hope is lost

Hear my song, it'll help you believe in tomorrow Hear my song, it'll show you the way you can shine Hear my song, it was made for the time When you don't know where to go Listen to the song that I sing You'll be fine

Child, I know you're frightened And your throat's parched and dry But just trust in Mama's singing And the gift tomorrow's bringing Trust it. Don't ask why Just lie in my arms And I'll tell you The things that you know, but forget The lies no one ever could sell you

I know that it's hard But don't give up yet

Hear my song, it'll help you believe in tomorrow Hear my song, it'll show you the way you can shine... Hear my song, it was made for the times When you don't know where to go

Listen to the song that I sing You'll be fine

'Cause I'll be singing — Hold on Hold tight

I know it's dark right now But just believe somehow That soon there will be light

Hold on Hold fast

That's not enough for some But trust the light will come And we'll get past You and Mama

Safe at last!

Hear my song, it'll help us get through til tomorrow Hear my song, it'll help us survive all the pain Hear my song, it's the one thing I have That has never let me down

Listen to the song that I sing Listen to the words in my heart Listen to the hope I can bring And we'll start to grow And shine

Listen to the song that I sing And trust me We'll be fine

**Greetings** ...... Hala Hazar, Worship Coordinator

## HYMN

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

When you wake and feel the day's already gone The sun is rising but your faith is going down And you're losing hope a change gonna come You gotta tune your station to a higher sound

When the way seems blockaded And you just don't have the might Give some praise that you're frustrated You ain't wrong, you're on the edge of something right

Take a small sweet step, give it all you got Just a small sweet step moving forward You don't know what's next, and nevertheless Take a small sweet step moving forward

And when you're riding and the fog has got you blind Remember you're the sky that holds the clouds Born with a hero's heart and a monkey mind On the planet of commitment, there is no doubt

And you know you've got to be crazy
To look at the game and think you're okay
You're in the very last minute of the very last play,
The scoreboards not on your side
But inside your heart is a beat
It's the song on your tongue and the dance in your feet,
You came here to bring to the game what you got
Win or lose ain't never the prize

Take a small sweet step, give it all you got Just a small sweet step moving forward You don't know what's next, and nevertheless Take a small sweet step moving forward

# **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

Hana Omori, piano and vocals; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

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. Y el 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

Forget Your Perfect Offering .... Anonymous, after Leonard Cohen (1934 – 2016) arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, percussion and vocals Julie Metcalf, vocals

Forget your perfect offering
(Forget your perfect offering)
Just sing the song that you can sing
(Just sing the song that you can sing)
There is a crack in everything
(There is a crack in everything)

That's how (That's how)
The light (The light)
Gets in (That's how the light gets in)

## **SERMON**

The Longest Mile ...... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

#### ANTHEM

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

What you've got to do is Finish what you have begun I don't know just how But it's not over 'til you've won!

When you see the storm is coming See the lightning part the skies It's too late to run There's terror in your eyes! What you do then is remember This old thing you heard me say: "It's the storm, not you, That's bound to blow away."

Hold on Hold on to someone standing by Hold on Don't even ask how long or why! Child, hold on to what you know is true Hold on 'til you get through Child, oh child Hold on!

When you feel your heart is poundin' Fear a devil's at your door There's no place to hide You're frozen to the floor! What you do then is you force yourself To wake up, and you say: "It's this dream, not me, that's bound to go away."

Hold on
Hold on, the night will soon be by
Hold on
Until there's nothing left to try
Child, hold on, there's angels on their way!
Hold on and hear them say
"Child, oh child!"

And it doesn't even matter
If the danger and the doom
Come from up above or down below
Or just come flying
At you from across the room!

When you see a man who's raging
And he's jealous and he fears
That you've walked through walls
He's hid behind for years.
What you do then is you tell yourself to wait it out
And say "it's this day, not me,
That's bound to go away."

Child, oh hold on It's this day, not you, That's bound to go away!

## OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and church rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the church budget. **Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them.** You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up <u>automatic</u>



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. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!* 

## **OFFERTORY**

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, violin

Hold on, to me as we go
As we roll down this unfamiliar road
And although this wave is stringing us along
Just know you're not alone
'Cause we're going to make this place our home

Hold on, to me as we go
As we roll down this unfamiliar road
And although this wave is stringing us along
Just know you're not alone
'Cause we're going to make this place our home

Settle down, it'll all be clear
Don't pay no mind to the demons
They fill you with fear
The trouble it might drag you down
If you get lost, you can always be found
Just know you're not alone
'Cause we're going to make this place our home

Aah, aah Aah, aah

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Don't pay no mind to the demons
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## PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

## MARCH SHARE THE PLATE: GAY FOR GOOD

With 17 chapters across the United States and 527 nonprofit partners, Gay For Good energizes and mobilizes the LGBTQ community to interact with the greater community by volunteering time to various social welfare and environmental service projects, supporting goodwill and understanding

between the LGBTQ and greater communities through collaborative volunteer service projects.

Our Tech Team lead Art Nava serves on the national board. His husband, Tech Team cameraman Rich Abreu, is an active volunteer. Let's make our gifts in celebration of their extraordinary service! *Thank you for your generosity!* 

# HYMN 1024

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

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, violin

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,...! (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

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

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**



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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch">www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch</a>, 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!