Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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or (929) 436-2866 (phone) [Meeting ID is 895 886 6876]

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2021

PRELUDE

Lean On Me	Bill Withers (1938 – 2020)
You've Got a Friend	Carole King (b. 1942)
Shower the People	James Taylor (b. 1948)
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

Yonder come day, day is a-breaking Yonder come day, oh my soul Yonder come day, day is a-breaking Sun is a risin' in my soul

Greetings Patrick Cooleybeck, Worship Coordinator

Hymn

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals Julie Metcalf, vocals

Why, why worry when you can sing? Why, why worry when you can sing? Sing cause we can't know Sing for us and for others Sing cause we can't know Sing cause it will be beautiful Why, why worry when you can sing?

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 of this congregation, 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

Chico Gospel Sarah Nutting and Karisha Longaker (b. 1976) from MaMuse

Hana Omori, soprano

There was a time I believed Life was over for me There was time I believed My life was over I feel strong today Thanks to your help I'll find my way and I too will lend you a hand When you need one

Chorus

Sometimes I get so down
I feel like
This the end
Like there's no way in hell
I can get over this mountain
The sun has come out
Beyond the shadow of my doubt
I am walking on this earth
Stronger than ever

There was a time I believed There'd be no love for me There was time I believed I'd get no lovin' I feel love today Thanks to your help I'll find my way and I too will lend you a hand When you need one

Chorus

Sometimes I get so down
I feel like
This the end
Like there's no way in hell
I can get over this mountain
The sun has come out
Beyond the shadow of my doubt
I am walking on this earth
Stronger than ever

There was a time I believed
There'd be no money for me
There was a time I believed
There'd be no money
I feel rich today
Thanks to your help
I'll find my way and
I too will lend you a hand
When you need one

Chorus

Sometimes I get so down
I feel like
This the end
Like there's no way in hell
I can get over this mountain
The sun has come out
Beyond the shadow of my doubt
I am walking on this earth
Stronger than ever

There was a time I believed There'd be no peace for me There was a time I believed There'd be no peace I feel peace today Thanks to your help I'll find my way and I too will lend you a hand When you need one

Chorus

Sometimes I get so down
I feel like
This the end
Like there's no way in hell
I can get over this mountain
The sun has come out
Beyond the shadow of my doubt
I am walking on this earth
Stronger than ever

I am walking on this earth stronger than ever I am walking on this earth stronger than ever

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Hana Omori, vocals; Kazuhiro Omori, piano

It's been a long, dark night
And I've been a waitin' for the morning
It's been a long hard fight
But I see a brand new day a dawning
I've been looking for the sunshine
You know I ain't seen it in so long
But everything's gonna work out just fine
And everything's gonna be alright
That's been all wrong

'Cause I can see the light of a clear blue morning I can see the light of a brand new day I can see the light of a clear blue morning Oh, and everything's gonna be alright It's gonna be okay

It's been a long, long time
Since I've known the taste of freedom
And those clinging vines
That had me bound, well I don't need 'em
I've been like a captured eagle
You know an eagle's born to fly
Now that I have won my freedom
Like an eagle I am eager for the sky

I can see the light of a clear blue morning I can see the light of brand new day I can see the light of a clear blue morning And everything's gonna be alright It's gonna be okay

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

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, piano and vocals

Hands put your empty hands in mine And scars show me all the scars you hide And hey, if your wings are broken Please take mine 'til yours can open too 'Cause I'm gonna stand by you

Tears make kaleidoscopes in your eyes And hurt, I know you're hurting but so am I And love, if your wings are broken Borrow mine so yours can open too

'Cause I'm gonna stand by you
Even if we're breaking down
We can find a way to break through
Even if we can't find heaven
I'll walk through hell with you
Love, you're not alone
'Cause I'm gonna stand by you

Even if we can't find heaven I'm gonna stand by you Even if we can't find heaven I'll walk through hell with you Love, you're not alone 'Cause I'm gonna stand by you

You're all I never knew I needed And the heart, sometimes it's unclear why it's beating And love, if your wings are broken We can brave through those emotions too 'Cause I'm gonna stand by you

And truth, I guess truth is what you believe in And faith, I think faith is having a reason And I know love, if your wings are broken Borrow mine so yours can open too

'Cause I'm gonna stand by you
Even if we're breaking down
We can find a way to break through
Even if we can't find heaven
I'll walk through hell with you
Love, you're not alone
'Cause I'm gonna stand by you

Even if we can't find heaven I'm gonna stand by you Even if we can't find heaven I'll walk through hell with you Love, you're not alone 'Cause I'm gonna stand by you I'll be your eyes 'til yours can shine And I'll be your arms I'll be your steady satellite And when you can't rise Well, I'll crawl with you on hands and knees

'Cause I'm gonna stand by you
Even if we're breaking down
We can find a way to break through
Even if we can't find heaven
I'll walk through hell with you
Love, you're not alone
'Cause I'm gonna stand by you

Even if we can't find heaven I'm gonna stand by you Even if we can't find heaven I'll walk through hell with you Love, you're not alone 'Cause I'm gonna stand by you Love you're not alone I'm gonna stand by you

COVENANT RENEWAL: #CLOSERTHANEVER ... Martha & Spencer Bonnie

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL SHARE THE PLATE: COALITION TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Founded in 1974, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (CSGV.org) is the nation's oldest gun violence prevention organization and a thought leader in the movement. They are committed to addressing gun violence in all its forms — from suicide to intimate partner homicide to the shootings in the communities that are most impacted by gun violence and never make headlines — through policy development, advocacy, community engagement, and effective training. Drafting and implementing evidence-based legislation is their number one priority. For 47 years, CSGV has taken on the National Rifle Association, and they were the first to use the term "insurrectionism" to describe the NRA's interpretation of the Second Amendment. While legislative gridlock has largely stymied federal gun legislation, CSGV



has worked with experts to develop the Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) — now known as an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO), a law that allows law enforcement and family members to temporarily remove firearms from a loved one in crisis. *Thank you for your generosity!*

HYMN

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals Julie Metcalf, violin

If you wake up and don't want to smile If it takes just a little while Open your eyes and look at the day You'll see things in a different way

Chorus

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow Don't stop, it'll soon be here It'll be better than before Yesterday's gone, yesterday's gone

Why not think about times to come? And not about the things that you've done If your life was bad to you Just think what tomorrow will do

Chorus

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow Don't stop, it'll soon be here It'll be better than before Yesterday's gone, yesterday's gone

All I want is to see you smile
If it takes just a little while
I know you don't believe that it's true
I never meant any harm to you

Chorus

Don't stop thinking about tomorrow Don't stop, it'll soon be here It'll be better than before Yesterday's gone, yesterday's gone

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 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!