

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, MAY 2ND, 2021

PRELUDE

Every Drop is a Waterfall *Coldplay*

Yulia Yun, organ

Way Over Yonder *Carole King* (b. 1942)

Learning to Fly *Tom Petty* (1950 – 2017)

Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Ali Jablonsky, Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

I Know This Rose Will Open *Mary E. Grigola* (b. 1947)

Hana Omori, soprano

I know this rose will open

I know my fear will burn away

I know my soul will unfurl its wings

I know this rose will open

GREETINGS Darrell Waters, Worship Coordinator

HYMN 100

Peace Like a River *Marvin V. Frey* (1918 – 1992)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got love like an ocean...

I've got pain like an arrow...

I've got tears like the raindrops...

I've got strength like a mountain...

I've got peace like a river...

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 [here](#). During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

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.

STORY: Gus and the Big Blue Blob

HYMN

Lessons of the Heart *Batya Levine*

Rev. Joanna Lubkin, vocals

Hey, you're doing okay
It's gonna take time
It's gonna take time

The heart is a muscle contracting, expanding
Feel the waves and learn the lessons
Time, it's gonna take time

SERMON

Embracing the Big Blue Blob *Ali Jablonsky*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

Don't Be Afraid *Alex Wong (b. 1974) and Amber Rubarth (b. 1982)*
from *The Paper Raincoat*

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Don't be afraid of what you want
Still staring at the skyline from the riverfront
Buildings like mirrors reflect back on us
Don't be afraid of what you want

Don't be afraid to start a fight
You'll never see them swinging at you from behind
Here let me see that, come into the light
Don't be afraid to start a fight

If you cross your fingers, ghosts will pass right through
From across the river, I'll watch over you

Don't be afraid of what you are
The beauty's in the contrast of your clashing parts
Stars shine the brightest when everything goes dark
Don't be afraid of what you are

If you cross your fingers, ghosts will pass right through
And across the river, I will wait for you

So call it out, find the sound
The world is waiting
Then I'll be here
In the glare of sunlight fading out

If you try to hide it, it only weighs you down
Let the light surround it, exposing all you've found

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

OFFERTORY

Tomorrow *Justin and Kate Miner*
from *Miner*

Daniel Rosensweig, piano and vocals

There will be better days...

Let the wave wash over me...

There will be better days...

COVENANT RENEWAL: #CLOSERTHANEVER Queen Cheryl Thieret

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

MAY SHARE THE PLATE: THE LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old 10th grader growing up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, “I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in my government. However, if things don’t change, I’ll be alone in the White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail.” Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence. That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.



In 1994, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chéry, honored her son’s dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute (ldbpeaceinstitute.org). Dedicated to education in peacemaking and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims. *Thank you for your generous support!*

HYMN 1021

Lean on Me *Bill Withers* (1938 – 2020)

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals

Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there’s always tomorrow

Chorus

Lean on me when you’re not strong
And I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on
For it won’t be long
’Til I’m gonna need somebody to lean on

Please, swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won’t let show

Chorus

Lean on me when you’re not strong
And I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on
For it won’t be long
’Til I’m gonna need somebody to lean on

If there is a load
You have to bear that you can’t carry
I’m right up the road, I’ll share your load
If you just call me

You just call on me, darling, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll understand
We all need somebody to lean on

Chorus

Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

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)

Mark David Buckles, guitar 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

May It Be *Enya* (b. 1961) and *Roma Ryan* (b. 1950)
from *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*

Yulia Yun, organ



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