



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

### PRELUDE

Expectation ..... *Hyung-Seok Kim* (b. 1966)  
As the Waters Cover the Sea ..... *Hyeongwon Ko*  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Senior Minister  
kel alford (she/her), Worship Coordinator

### AFFIRMATION & 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.

### \*HYMN 389

Gathered Here ..... *Philip A. Porter* (b. 1953)

Gathered here in the mystery of the hour  
Gathered here in one strong body  
Gathered here in the struggle and the power  
Spirit, draw near

### OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

How the Rainbow Works ..... *Al Young* (1939–2021)  
Rev. Parisa Parsa

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



My children make the colors show  
 bright clean blue  
     the raging red  
 bitter yellow  
     wet black night  
 warm orange glows  
     sad brown has bled  
 over love's deep green.  
 The picture that my children paint  
     restores the landscape time made faint  
 their unpremeditated art  
     takes colors from my heart.

**SERMON**

In Living Color ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa

**COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY**

There is a Love (*See back page for sheet music*) ..... text: *Rev. Rebecca Parker* (b. 1953)  
 music: *Elizabeth Norton* (b. 1959)

There is a love holding us	There is a love holding all
There is a love holding all that we love	We rest in this love

*During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.  
 To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,  
 please submit it in advance at [tinyurl.com/ASCCandle](http://tinyurl.com/ASCCandle).*

*If you are in need of spiritual support, please email [care@ascboston.org](mailto:care@ascboston.org) to be in touch with our  
 pastoral care team*

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER**

**OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformative generosity.



**WAYS TO GIVE**

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://tinyurl.com/GiveASC)
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5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Cheryl Sullivan [Ops@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Ops@ASCBoston.org). We encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

## SHARE THE PLATE

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.



This month's Share the Plate partner is **LUCE: Immigrant Justice Network of Massachusetts**. LUCE is a coalition of immigrant-led, grassroots organizations who build people power for everyone across Massachusetts.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](http://tinyurl.com/GiveASC); or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509.

*Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY

The Rainbow Connection ..... *Paul Williams* (b. 1940) & *Kenneth Ascher* (b. 1944)  
Mark David Buckles (he/him), banjo and vocals

Why are there so many songs about rainbows  
And what's on the other side  
Rainbows are visions, but only illusions  
And rainbows have nothing to hide

So we've been told and some choose to believe it  
But I know they're wrong, wait and see  
Someday we'll find it, the Rainbow Connection  
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

Who said that every wish would be heard and answered  
When wished on the morning star  
Somebody thought of that, and someone believed it  
Look what it's done so far

What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing  
And what do we think we might see  
Someday we'll find it, the Rainbow Connection  
The lovers, the dreamers, and me  
All of us under its spell  
We know that it's probably magic

Have you been half asleep, and have you heard voices  
I've heard them calling my name  
Is this the sweet sound that calls the young sailors  
The voice might be one and the same

I've heard it too many times to ignore it  
It's something that I'm supposed to be  
Someday we'll find it  
Someday we'll find it, the Rainbow Connection  
The lovers, the dreamers, and me

**\*HYMN 30**

Over My Head ..... *African American Spiritual*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Over my head I hear music in the air  
Over my head I hear music in the air  
Over my head I hear music in the air  
There must be a G-d somewhere

Over my head, I hear singing...

Over my head, I see trouble...

Over my head, I feel joy...

Over my head, I see angels...

Over my head, I feel peace...

Over my head, I feel love...

Over my head, I hear music...

**BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**RECESSIONAL**

Tending the Spark (*See back page for sheet music*) ..... *Heather Houston*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

And we will care for each other  
As the world around us unravels  
And we will tend to the spark  
Of hope that lives within our grieving hearts

And we are here now in this present moment  
Lifting our voices and hearts  
And we are here now we have come together  
We are tending the spark

Of hope...  
Oh may it grow...

**POSTLUDE**

Welcome, Happy Morning ..... *V. H. Fortunatus* (c. 530–609), arrangement: *Sunhee Kim*  
Hyunju Jung, piano



*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.*



## Arlington Street Staff Directory

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## Arlington Street Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street's elected, governing board.  
"The Pru" is joined by our officers, Clerk Stephen Anable and Treasurer  
in conducting the business of the church.

Kelly Anne Weaver, Chair  
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair  
Dawn Bellamo

Bill Briggs  
Cathy DeMatto  
Hala Hazar

Art Nava  
Laura Pattison  
Darrell Waters

We welcome your questions  
and suggestions at [Pru\\_Chair@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org)



## This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Special Congregational Meeting (Chapel & Zoom)

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

6:00 pm ~ Buddha's Belly (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Meditation Room (Zoom)

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Minister (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Community Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,  
please visit [Arlingtonstreet.org](http://Arlingtonstreet.org).

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