



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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[Meeting ID: 895 886 6876]

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

## PRELUDE

Being Built Together ..... *Chan-haeng Lee*  
I Do Believe ..... *Jihye Na*  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister  
Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), 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.

## INTROIT

L'Ondine et le Pêcheur ..... *Anton Schmoll* (1841–1925)  
Hyunju Jung, piano

## OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Perhaps the World Ends Here ..... *Joy Harjo* (b. 1951)  
Rev. Parisa Parsa

## \*HYMN 67

We Sing Now Together ..... text: *Rev. Edwin T. Buehrer* (1894–1969), alt.  
music: *Adriaen Valerius* (c. 1575–1625)

We sing now together our song of thanksgiving  
Rejoicing in goods which the ages have wrought  
For life that enfolds us, and helps and heals and holds us  
And leads beyond the goals which our forebears once sought

We sing of the freedoms which martyrs and heroes  
Have won by their labor, their sorrow, their pain  
The oppressed befriending, our ampler hopes defending  
Their death becomes a triumph, they died not in vain

We sing of the prophets, the teachers, the dreamers  
Designers, creators, and workers, and seers  
Our own lives expanding, our gratitude commanding  
Their deeds have made immortal their days and their years

We sing of community now in the making  
In every far continent, region, and land  
With those of all races, all times and names and places  
We pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand

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

**DEDICATION OF MARGARET ALISON LAMBART**

Daughter of Jeffrey Lambart and Sarah Ballinger  
Granddaughter of Wendy and David Ballinger and Harry and Alison Lambart

**HYMN**

Everything Possible ..... *Rev. Fred Small (b. 1952)*  
Sam LaGrego (he/him), tenor

We have cleared off the table, leftovers saved  
Washed the dishes and put them away  
I've told you a story and tucked you in tight  
At the end of your knockabout day  
As the moon sets its sails to carry you to sleep  
Over the midnight sea  
I will sing you a song no one sang to me  
May it keep you good company

You can be anybody you want to be  
You can love whomever you will  
You can travel any country where your heart leads  
And know I will love you still  
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around  
You can choose one special one  
And the only measure of your words and your deeds  
Will be the love you leave behind when you're done

Some children grow up strong and bold  
While some are quiet and kind  
Some race on ahead, some take it slow  
Some go in their own way and time  
Some women love women, some men love men  
Some leave every label behind  
You can dream all the day never reaching the end  
Of everything possible you'll find

Don't be rattled by names, by taunts, by games  
But seek out spirits true  
If you give your friends the best part of yourself  
They will give the same back to you  
You can be anybody you want to be  
You can love whomever you will  
You can travel any country where your heart leads  
And know I will love you still

You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around  
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And the only measure of your words and your deeds  
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**SERMON**

Building a World That Loves Us Back ..... *Rev. Parisa Parsa*

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

### COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

There is a Love ..... 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](https://tinyurl.com/ASCCandle).*

### 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](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC)
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
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](https://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

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.



DRUUMM is the oldest and largest Black, Indigenous, and People of Color-led organization in our faith. Undeniably, there is a growing threat that is trying to eliminate diverse voices, and it is getting louder around the world.

We need communities such as DRUUMM to thrive, to provide welcoming, healing, and sacred spaces that will honor, encourage, and strengthen the lives and communities of care. To resist hate and side with love.

When you give to DRUUMM, you are investing in the fabric of our faith, in the development of leadership, and in the future of a multicultural, multiethnic, multigenerational Unitarian Universalism that we can believe in. Your donation says yes to living in a world that thrives from our diverse voices and supports an organization that brings authenticity and humanity into our spiritual and religious life. Your giving builds the world we dream about and realizes your values in the larger world.

*Give what you can – with wild abandon. Thank you for your support and your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY

Friends and Lovers .....*Brandon Boyd* (b. 1976)  
Sam LaGrego (he/him), tenor from *Incubus*

I'm a ne'er-do-well, runnin' out of black gold  
It's high time I pulled over  
And walked around a while  
I've seen that porcelain shell, your exoskeleton  
And I feel like we'd walk well together

Because in the end, we are friends and lovers

If asked of me I would gobble them to bits  
The things that wall us off  
From where we belong  
What's wrong with you is good for what's wrong with me  
And I think maybe we should stick together

Because in the end, we are friends and lovers  
We are friends and lovers

Abandon all the bones we've got to pick  
They'll only weigh us down  
And we're better than that  
If they all throw stones, start a collection  
Of everything we're not  
And won't be—

—'Cause, you should never have to defend  
Being friends and lovers  
Being friends and lovers  
Being friends and lovers

## \*HYMN

Life Calls Us On ..... text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)  
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Here in reverence now we gather  
For the blessings we have known,  
With a pledge to one another  
That we journey not alone.  
Joy and sorrow make us wise,  
Kin to all that lives and dies;  
Love calls us on, love calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us  
Waken here to keep us strong;  
Blend our voices in the chorus  
Of creation's living song.  
Courage bids us lift our eyes  
Upward to the shining skies;  
Hope calls us on, hope calls on.

Loyal guides in love and duty  
Lead us with a trusted light;  
Blest are they whose inward beauty  
Shows the path of truth and right.  
Honor is their earthly prize;  
By their work we realize,  
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.

We have shared a radiant hour  
When the truth has made us free,  
And the spirit's gracious power  
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.  
Bright the path before us lies  
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;  
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

### BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

#### RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) ..... *Shoshana Jedwab* (b. 1964)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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

Give Love ..... *Chanhyuk Lee* (b. 1996)  
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 Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Hala Hazar (Interim Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Kelly Anne Weaver, Chair  
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair

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, MAY 17**

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

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

### **MONDAY, MAY 18**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, MAY 21**

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

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

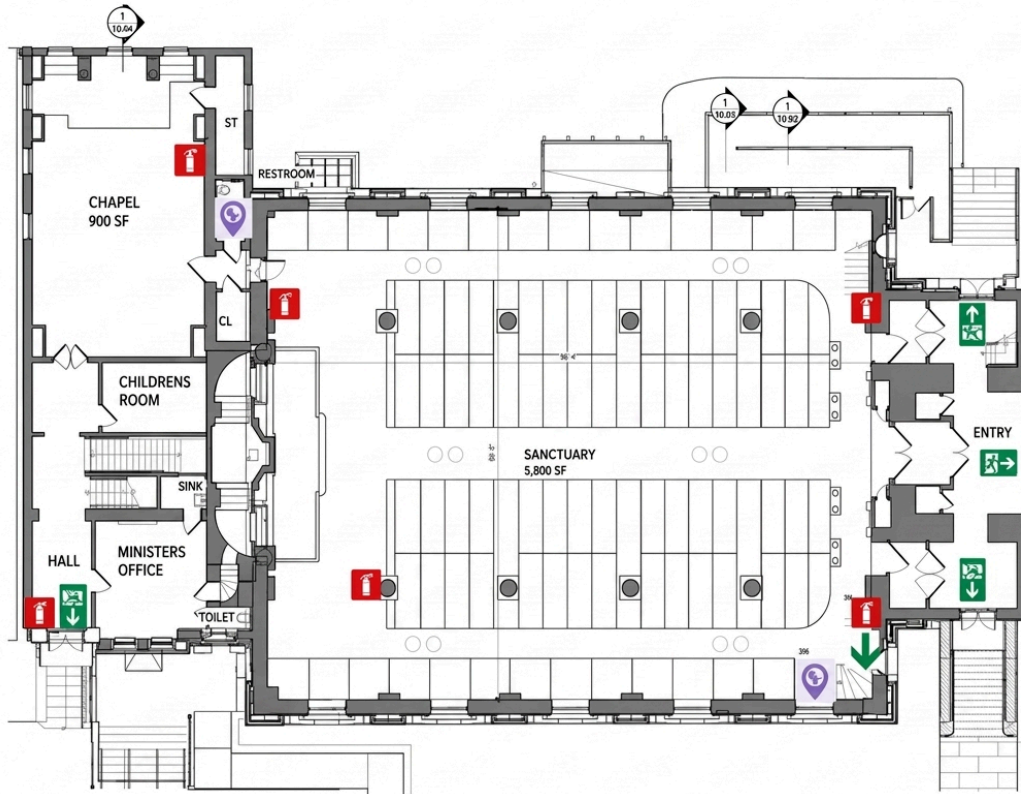
### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

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

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

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

## SANCTUARY MAP



**MAP LEGEND**

-  **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**  
Locations of fire extinguishers.
-  **EXIT**  
Designated exit pathways.
-  **RESTROOM**  
Restroom locations.

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