



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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[Meeting ID: 895 886 6876]

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

PRELUDE

In Quiet Joy *Marcel Dupré* (1886–1971)
Arioso *J. S. Bach* (1685–1750)
Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr *J. S. Bach* (1685–1750)
Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him), Artist in Residence, organ

WELCOME & GREETINGS kel alford (she/her), Guest Preacher
Lucy Humphrey (they/them), 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

We Shall Be Known *Karisha Longaker* (b. 1976)
from *MaMuse*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We shall be known by the company we keep
By the ones who circle round to tend these fires
We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap
The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Friendship, from *Consolations* *David Whyte* (b. 1955)

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

***HYMN**

Open the Door *Judy Collins* (b. 1939)

Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), vocals

Sometimes I remember the old days
When the world was filled with sorrow
You might have thought I was living
But I was all alone
In my heart the rain was falling
The wind blew and
The night was calling
Come back, come back,
I'm all you've ever known

Chorus

Open the door and come on in
I'm so glad to see you my friend
You're like a rainbow coming
 around the bend
And when I see you happy
Well, it sets my heart free
I'd like to be as good a friend to you
As you are to me

There were friends who
 could always see me
Through the haze their smiles
 would reach me
Saying okay, saying goodbye, saying hello

Soon I knew just what I was after
Was life and love, tears and laughter
Hello, my good friend, hello my darling
What do you know

Chorus

I used to think it was only me feeling alone
Not feeling free to be alive to be a friend
Now I know we all have stormy weather
The sun shines through
 when we're together
I'll be your friend right through to the end

Chorus

Open the door and come on in
I'm so glad to see you my friends
You're all like rainbows coming
 around the bend
And when I see you happy
Well, it sets my heart free
I'd like to be as good a friend to you
As you are to me

READING

Just Beyond Yourself *David Whyte* (b. 1955)

ANTHEM

You've Got a Friend.....*Carole King* (b. 1942)
arrangement: *Mac Huff* (b. 1955)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), soprano
Young Woong Cho (he/him), piano

When you're down and troubled
And you need a helping hand
And nothing, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night

You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come running
To see you again

You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come running
To see you again

Winter, spring, summer, or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes I will

Winter, spring, summer, or fall
All you've got to do is call
And I'll be there, yes I will
You've got a friend

Ain't it good to know that
You've got a friend
When people can be so cold?
They'll hurt you, and desert you
And take your soul if you let them
But don't you let them

If the sky above you
Should turn dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind
 should begin to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon, I'll be knocking upon your door

You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come running, running, running
To see you again
Winter, spring, summer, or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes, I will
You've got a friend

SERMON

Hello, Friend: the patterns that connect us kel alford

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 that we love

There is a love holding all
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.*

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
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 or by contacting Cheryl Sullivan 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.



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.

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

OFFERTORY

Come With Me *Joe Jencks*

Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

I feel the current raging around me
Try to summon up my strength once more
I am weary on this journey
Afraid I will not reach that distant shore
I cry for help, feel like I'm sinking
There is no one near me I can see
But there you are in the water with me
You take my hand and guide me graciously

Chorus

Will you come with me on this journey
With every breath we take keep
 reaching for the dawn
I know alone, I will falter
With a good friend near me, I will carry on

There is a kindness in your smile
And gentleness within your speech
You reassure me, your love surrounds me
And I know safety is at last within my reach

Chorus

It's an illusion we carry with us
As we wade on through
 the waters of our lives
That we must be strong
 and hold our own here
But a helping hand will save us by and by

Chorus

*HYMN 1021

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

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

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

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	For your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your people are mine
Where you go I will go, beloved	Your people are my people
Where you go I will go	Your divine, my divine

POSTLUDE


Prelude from *Te Deum* *Marc-Antoine Charpentier* (1634–1704)
Rodger Clinton Vine, Artist in Residence, organ



*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	Bill Briggs	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
	Hala Hazar	Darrell Waters

**We welcome your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org**



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, MAY 31

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 1

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 pm ~ Boston Summer Opera (Sanctuary)

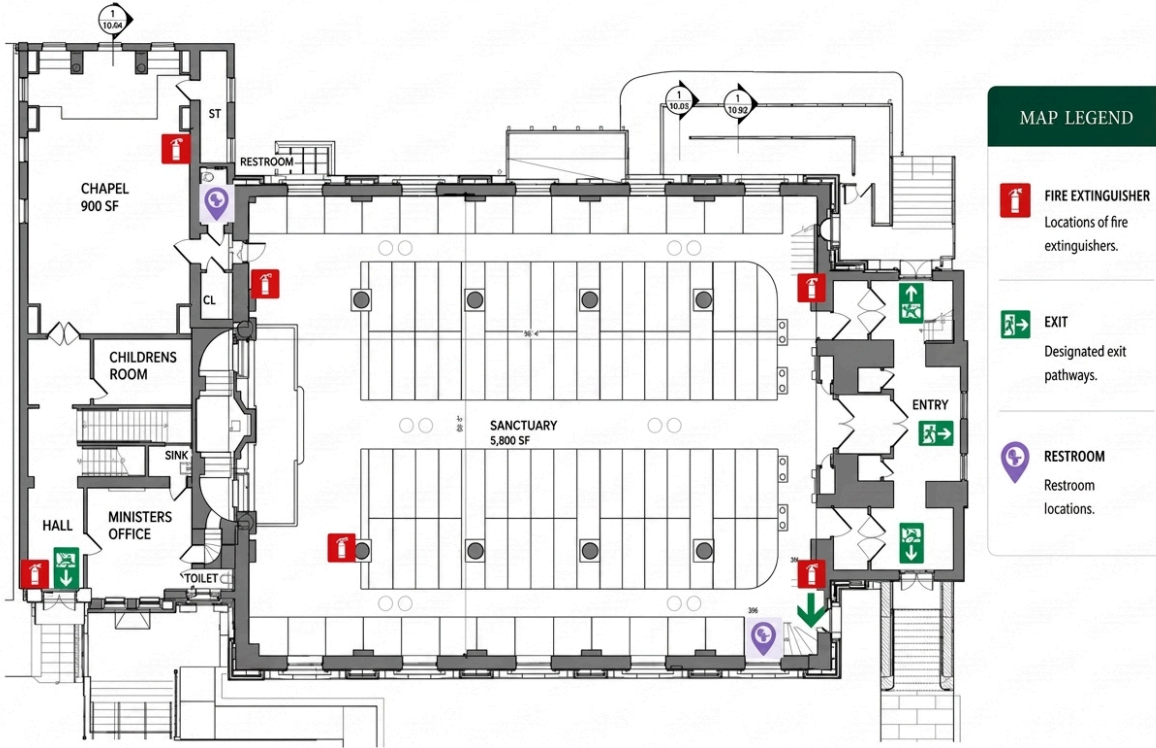
SUNDAY, JUNE 7

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.

SANCTUARY MAP



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