



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

INGATHERING SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Nocturne Op. 9 No.2 in E-flat Major *Frédéric Chopin* (1810–1849)

This is a Beautiful World *Franklin Sheppard* (1852–1930), arrangement: *Youngmin Choi*
Young Woong Cho (he/him), piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh River *Karisha Longaker* (b. 1976)
from *MaMuse*

Finding my way, finding my way, finding my way,
Finding my way, finding my way back home

Oh river, I hear you, feel you calling me
Oh river, who will I be when I reach the sea?

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Jud Wolfskil (he/him), Senior Minister

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

At the River text and hymn tune: *Robert Lowry* (1826–1899)
arrangement: *Aaron Copland* (1990–1990) and *Raymond Wilding-White* (1922–2001)

Shall we gather by the river
Where bright angel's feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of G-d

Yes, we'll gather by the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of G-d

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

Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace

Yes, we'll gather by the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of G-d

CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN

The River (Water Heal My Body) *Coco Love Alcorn* (b. 1974)

Chorus

Water heal my body
Water heal my soul
When I go down, down
To the water
By the water I feel whole

In the day and in the night
I hear that river all the same
It's calling me over
Calling out my pain
Oh a river gathers tears
Just like a river gathers rain

The river is a healer
The river is a sage
The river knows no end
And the river feels no age
The river is a leader
Every single day
It's living in the moment
And it always finds a way

Chorus

The river is a traveller
Always on the go
A river never worries
If it's fast or if it's slow
River take me
To where I need to go
Oh, and I will just relax
And let the river flow

Chorus

The river calls me over
It's calling out my name

Chorus

READING

Watershed and Commonwealth, from *Citizen Papers*, excerpt ... *Wendell Berry* (1934–2026)

SERMON

Watershed *Rev. Jud Wolfskill*

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

Down in the River to Pray *Traditional American Song*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), sopralto

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.*

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.



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OFFERTORY

Auf dem Wasser zu Singen music: *Franz Schubert* (1797–1828)
(To Sing on the Water) text: *Friedrich Leopold Graf zu Stolberg-Stolberg* (1750–1819)
Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

Mitten im Schimmer
der spiegelnden Wellen
Gleitet, wie Schwäne, der wankende Kahn;
Ach, auf der Freude
sanft schimmernden Wellen
Gleitet die Seele dahin wie der Kahn;
Denn von dem Himmel herab
auf die Wellen
Tanzet das Abendrot rund um den Kahn.

Über den Wipfeln des westlichen Haines
Winket uns freundlich der rötliche Schein;
Unter den Zweigen des östlichen Haines
Säuselt der Kalmus im rötlichen Schein;
Freude des Himmels und Ruhe des Haines
Atmet die Seel' im errötenden Schein.

Ach, es entschwindet mit tauigem Flügel
Mir auf den wiegenden Wellen die Zeit.
Morgen entschwinde
mit schimmernden Flügeln
Wieder wie gestern und heute die Zeit,
Bis ich auf höheren, strahlenden Flügel
Selber entschwinde
der wechselnden Zeit.

In the midst of the shimmering,
mirroring waves
Glides like swans the rocking boat
Ah, on softly shimmering
waves of joy
Glides the soul away like the boat.
For from the heavens down on the waves
Dances the evening glow round
about the boat.

Above the treetops of the western glade
Beckons to us amiably the ruddy glow;
Under the branches of the eastern glade
Rustle the reeds in the ruddy glow.
Joy of the heavens and peace of the glades
Breathes the soul in the reddening glow.

Ah, with dewy wings
On the rocking waves,
time escapes from me
Tomorrow with shimmering wings
Like yesterday and today
may time again escape from me,
Until I on towering, radiant wings
Myself escape from changing time.

*HYMN

Swimming to the Other Side music and lyrics: *Pat Humphries* (b. 1960)
from *Emma's Revolution*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Chorus

We are living 'neath the great Big Dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in the stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

I am alone and I am searching, hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility, I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

On this journey through thoughts and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together. I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow, We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

When we get there we'll discover
All of the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live together
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

***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

Great is thy Faithfulness .. *William Runyan* (1870–1957), arrangement: *Mark Hayes* (b. 1953)
Young Woong Cho (he/him), 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.*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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



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

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We welcome your questions
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