



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

PRELUDE

An die Music *Franz Schubert* (1797–1828)
Widmung *Robert Schumann* (1810–1856)
À Chloris *Reynaldo Hahn* (1874–1847)
Morgen *Richard Strauss* (1864–1949)
Anna Sunmin Park (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Jo Murphy (she/her)
Art Nava (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

Alleluya *Gustav Holst* (1874–1934)

CHALICE LIGHTING & OPENING WORDS

A Wild and Holy Vision *Shawn Gibson*

*HYMN

Let Go *DeWayne Woods* (b. 1975), adapted
Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano and vocals

Just when I stop worrying
Wondering how the story ends
I let go and I let love
Let love lead the way

That's when things started happening
When I stopped looking at back then
I let go and I let love
Let love lead the way

Let go, let love...

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

READING

Of Mere Being *Wallace Stevens* (1879–1955)

The palm at the end of the mind,
Beyond the last thought, rises
In the bronze decor,

A gold-feathered bird
Sings in the palm, without human meaning,
Without human feeling, a foreign song.

You know then that it is not the reason
That makes us happy or unhappy.
The bird sings. Its feathers shine.

The palm stands on the edge of space.
The wind moves slowly in the branches.
The bird's fire-fangled feathers dangle down.

ANTHEM

Sure on this Shining Night music: *Morton Lauridsen* (b. 1943)
text: *James Agee* (1909–1955)

Sure on this shining night
Of star made shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.
The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.
Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder wand'ring far alone
Of shadows on the stars.

SERMON

The Saving Power of Awe Rev. Jo Murphy

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.*

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

Taste *Ryan O'Neal* (b. 1983)
from *Sleeping at Last*

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano
Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

I am alive, I am awake
I am aware of what light tastes like
The curtains drawn, the table's set
I wanna be, I wanna be at my best
It's bittersweet, it's poetry
A careful pruning of my dead leaves
It's holy ground, a treasure chest
I'm on my knees and only scratch the surface

Like fists unraveling
Like glass unshattering
We're breaking all the rules
We're breaking bread again
And we're swallowing light
'Til we're fixed from the inside

Out of the woods, out of the dark
I'm well aware of the shadows in my heart
I wanna feel tectonic shifts
I wanna be, I wanna be astonished
I wanna be astonished

So I propose a toast
To fists unraveling
To glass unshattering
To breaking all the rules
To breaking bread again

We're swallowing light
And we're swallowing our pride
We're raising our glass
'Til we're fixed from the inside
'Til we're fixed from the inside

We're nothing less than a work in progress
Sacred text on Post-It notes
We only speak of a world in pieces
Let's make a map of what matters most
Where every fracture is a running river
Leading us back to our golden coasts

Here's to showing up
To fists unraveling
To glass unshattering
To breaking all the rules
To breaking bread again
We're swallowing light
And we're swallowing our pride
We're raising our glass
'Til we're fixed from the inside
'Til we're fixed from the inside

***HYMN 1008**

When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place text & music: *Joyce Poley* (b. 1941)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Chorus

When our heart is in a holy place
When our heart is in a holy place
We are blessed with love
And amazing grace
When our heart is in a holy place

When we trust the wisdom in each of us
Every color, every creed and kind
And we see our faces in each other's eyes
Then our heart is in a holy place

Chorus

When we tell our story from deep inside
And we listen with a loving mind
And we hear our voices in each other's words
Then our heart is in a holy place

Chorus

When we share the silence of sacred space
And the G-d of our heart stirs within
And we hear our voices in each other's words
Then our heart is in a holy place

Chorus

When our heart is in a holy place

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

Er, der Herrlichste von allen *Robert Schumann* (1810–1856)
Anna Sunmin Park (she/her), piano

*~Following this morning's service,
please join us in the Hunnewell Chapel (through the leather doors) for Coffee Hour~*



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 Prudential Committee

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.

Sandy Dixon, Chair
Bill Briggs
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David Erbe
Misty Hathaway
Darrell Waters

We welcome your questions & suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org



Arlington Street Staff Directory

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This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

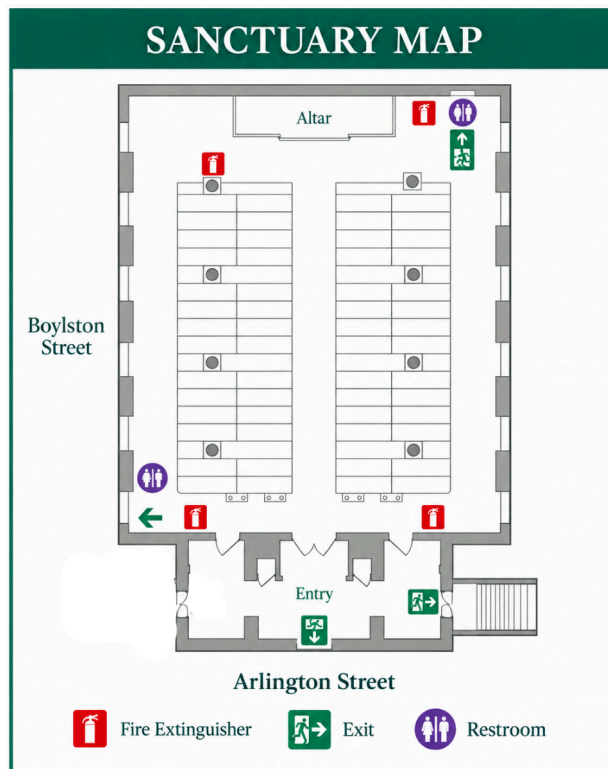
5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Minister (Zoom)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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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