



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

PRELUDE

Tree *Jung-won Cha* (b. 1990)

You were created to receive the greatest love *Min-seob Lee* (b. 1976)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS

Rev. Fred Small (he/him), Community Minister for Climate Justice

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

The Seventh Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We believe in the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Amen.

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

The Peace of Wild Things *Wendell Berry* (1934–2026)

Rev. Fred Small

*HYMN 163

Bluegreen Hills of Earth text and music: *Kim Oler* (b. 1954)

("For the Earth Forever Turning") arrangement: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)

& *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

For the earth forever turning

For the skies, for every sea

For our lives, for all we cherish

Sing we our joyful song of peace

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

For the mountains, hills, and pastures
In their silent majesty
For the stars, for all the heavens
Sing we our joyful song of peace

For the sun, for rain, and thunder
For the seasons' harmony
For our lives, for all creation
Sing we our joyful praise to thee

For the world we raise our voices
For the home that gives us birth
In our joy we sing returning
Home to our bluegreen hills of earth

READING

Lullaby for the Grieving *Ashley M. Jones* (b. 1990)

ANTHEM

The Rainforest Song *Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

SERMON

Coming Back to Life Rev. Fred Small

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.*

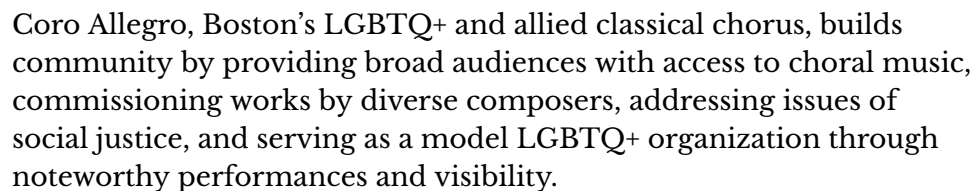
OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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.



- 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. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

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. For October, our partner is *Coro Allegro*.



Recitative and Arioso from *The Creation* Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)
Henry Podoll (he/him), bass text: *Genesis 1:24* and John Milton (1608–1674)

Straight opening her fertile womb, the earth obey'd the word,
and teem'd creatures numberless, in perfect forms and fully grown.
Cheerful, roaring, stands the tawny lion.
In sudden leaps the flexible tiger appears.
The nimble stag bears up his branching head.
With flying mane and fiery look, impatient neighs the sprightly steed.
The cattle in herds already seeks his food on fields and meadows green.
And o'er the ground, as plants, are spread the fleecy, meek and bleating flock.
Unnumber'd as the sands in whirls arose the host of insects.
In long dimension creeps with sinuous trace the worm.

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***HYMN 203**

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky text: *St. Francis of Assisi* (1182–1226), attributed
tune: *Ausserlesene Catholische Kirschengesang* (1623)

All creatures of the earth and sky
Come, kindred, lift your voices high
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam
Soft shining moon with silver gleam
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Swift rushing wind so wild and strong
White clouds that sail in heav'n along
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice
High stars of evening find a voice
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Cool flowing water, pure and clear
Make music for all life to hear
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright
And bless us with your warmth and light
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Embracing earth, you, day by day
Bring forth your blessings on our way
Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow
Let them the glory also show
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you of understanding heart
Forgiving others, take your part
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless
And worship G-d in humbleness
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Jacob's Blessing *Insik Kim*
Hyunju Jung, 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 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 (Treasurer)
in conducting the business of the church.

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

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This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

5:00 pm - Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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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