



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her), Affiliated Minister
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

Wildflowers *Dolly Parton (1946–2026)*

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

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

The hills were alive with wildflowers
And I was as wild, even wilder than they
For at least I could run, they just died in the sun
And I refused to just wither in place
Just a wild mountain rose needing freedoms to grow
So I ran fearing not where I'd go
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

And the flowers I knew in the fields where I grew
Were content to be lost in the crowd
They were common and close, I had no room for growth
And I wanted so much to branch out
So I uprooted myself from my home ground and left
Took my dreams and I took to the road
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

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

I grew up fast and wild and I never felt right
In a garden so different from me
I just never belonged, I just longed to be gone
So the garden, one day, set me free
I hitched a ride with the wind and since he was my friend
I just let him decide where we'd go
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

Just a wild rambling rose seeking mysteries untold
No regret for the path that I chose
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us text: *Sally Rogers*
music: *Traditional*, arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Love will guide us, peace has tried us
Hope inside us will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving
Love will guide us through the hard night

If you cannot sing like angels
If you cannot speak before thousands
You can give from deep within you
You can change the world with your love

You are like no other being
What you can give, no other can give
To the future of our children
To the future of the world where we live

Love will guide us, peace has tried us
Hope inside us will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving
Love will guide us through the hard night

READING

Little People, Big Dreams: Dolly Parton *Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara* (b. 1973)

SERMON

Dolly Theology Rev. Ali Jablonsky

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

Farewell Dolly; Farewell Tim *Lucas Milliken* (b. 1984)

Farewell, Dolly; Farewell, Tim
I hope you do the Time Warp Again
In matching many colored coats
That you both wear with all the flair you used to dazzle us with hope

That maybe there's a chance for all the sinners and the saints
To set down all their hate and look each other in the eyes
And maybe that's as simple as a silly little song
That everyone can sing along to when we're trying to survive

Or maybe it's a joke that's got your tongue inside your cheek
And a sneaky little wink to make sure everybody's in
Or maybe it's that every time you go into a room
You just assume that everybody there is your beloved friend

And maybe that's a way to make a living
Maybe that's a way to get on through the 9 to 5
When you've got no Clue on what the hell you're doing
Just fall wildly in love with every second you're alive

Farewell Dolly; farewell Tim
Everybody's gonna miss the way you laughed along with them
And if we're ever feeling low
Thank God that we can watch you both right on the Muppet Show

Or any time you took the stage
And showed us what it meant to live a life so full of faith
That love was never gonna let you down
If you delighted in the people that you found yourself around

And let them all delight right back in you
Till you all were cracking up and all the light was shining through
And if you anybody tells you that it's wrong
You just love them into laughter, or you love them into song

And that's a damn fine way to make a living
That's a damn fine way to get on through the 9 to 5

If you got no Clue on what the hell you're doing
Just fall wildly in love with everybody that's alive

So farewell Dolly; farewell Tim
Thanks for opening the doors for everybody to come in
Hope you're laughing, having fun
Showing that old great beyond exactly how it's done

Singing that's the only way to make a living
That's the only way to get on through the 9 to 5
If you got no Clue on what the hell you're doing
Just fall wildly in love with every second you're alive

Yeah that's the only way to make a living
That's a damn fine way to get on through the 9 to 5
If you got no Clue on what the hell you're doing
Just fall wildly in love with everybody that's alive

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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1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
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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!

OFFERTORY

Here I Am *Dolly Parton (1946–2026)*

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

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

Here I am, oh here I am, here I am
If you need a love that's true
Need someone to stand by you
Here I am, oh here I am, here I am
If you need a helping hand, need someone to understand
Here I am, oh here I am, here I am

Chorus

Here I am, I'm reaching out to give you love that you're without
I can help you find what you've been looking for
Here I am, come to me, take my hand 'cause I believe
I can give you all the love you need and more
Oh here I am, oh here I am, here I am

My world is such an empty place
I need someone to fill the space
And here I am, oh here I am, here I am
'Cause I've got so much love to give
I need someone to share it with
And here I am, oh here I am, here I am

Chorus

*HYMN 95

There Is More Love *African American Hymn*

additional lyrics: *Rev. Allison Palm (b. 1987)*

There is more love somewhere
There is more love somewhere
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it
There is more love somewhere

There is more hope...

There is more peace...

There is more joy...

There is more love right here
There is more love right here
I'm gonna keep on 'cause I've found it
There is more love right here

***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

Nine to Five *Dolly Parton* (1946–2026)
Mark David Buckles, 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.

Sandy Dixon, Chair
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**We welcome your questions
and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org**

This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th

5:00 pm ~ Tea with Pastor Jud Wolfskill (Zoom)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15th

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

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

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

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