



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

### PRELUDE

Sure on this Shining Night ..... *Morten Lauridsen* (b. 1943)

Rise Again ..... *Chaerim Kim*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister  
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

Singing the Spirit Home ..... *Eric Bogle* (b. 1944)

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Courage, my friend, you do not travel alone

We will, go with you, and sing your spirit home

If not now, then when, you do not travel alone

We will, go as one, and sing your spirit home

### OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

If I Were the King of the Forest ..... *E.Y. Harburg* (1986–1981)

Patrick Cooleybeck

*The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.*

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

**\*HYMN**

I Am Willing ..... *Holly Near* (b. 1949)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

**Chorus**

I am open and I am willing  
For to be hopeless would seem so strange  
It dishonors those who go before us  
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family  
There is sorrow in my town  
There is panic all across the nation  
There is wailing the whole world round

**Chorus**

May the children see more clearly  
May the elders be more wise  
May the winds of change caress us  
Even though it burns our eyes

**Chorus**

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion  
Give me a desert to hold my fears  
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder  
Give me an ocean to hold my tears

**Chorus**

**READING**

The Lion Inside ..... *Rachel Bright*

**\*HYMN 1015**

I Know I Can Go On ..... *Jeannie Gagné* (b. 1960)  
arrangement: *Mark Freundt* (b. 1966) and *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Though days be dark with storms  
And burdens weigh my heart  
Though troubles wait at every turn  
I know I can go on.

When sorrow heals my soul  
And burdens make me strong  
Though troubles wait at every turn  
I know I can go on

My sibling in my heart  
My kindred in my song

Though troubles wait at every turn  
I know I can go on

And though the journey is long  
The destination is near  
Though troubles wait at every turn  
I know I can go on.

So brothers take my hand  
And sisters sing my song  
When hope awaits at every turn  
I know we will go on

## SERMON

Stronger Than We Know ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa

## COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary ..... *John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)  
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano

Open my heart to be a sanctuary  
All made holy, loved, and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you

*Please come forward to light a candle at any time at the table to the right of the podium.  
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](https://tinyurl.com/ASCCandle).*

*To reach a member of the Pastoral Care team, please email [Care@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Care@ASCBoston.org).*

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Better Days ..... *Pat Humphries* (b.1960) & *Sandy Opatow* (b. 1966)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We have come, in the light  
To this place, in the light  
With our hearts, in the light  
Open wide

We are here, in the light  
Giving voice, in the light  
To the truth, in the light  
We divine

### Chorus

Let us sing for today  
Let us learn better ways  
Showing love, in the light  
Giving hope, in the light  
We create, in the light  
Better days

We are born, in the dark  
We are fed, in the dark

We connect, in the dark  
Through the veil

We are held, in the dark  
We are healed, in the dark  
Mysteries, in the dark  
We reveal

### Chorus

Time is now, we begin  
Where we are, we begin  
We have all, we begin  
That we need

To renew, we begin  
To release, we begin  
To rebuild, we begin  
To believe

### Chorus

## 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](https://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](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC) or by contacting Liz Teixeira [Treasurer@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Treasurer@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.



**FRIDAY NIGHT** SINCE 1984  
**SUPPER PROGRAM**

As millions of people face reduction or complete loss of benefits for food assistance from the federal government this month, our share the plate partner is the Friday Night Supper Program.

In 1984 as the AIDS Crisis was escalating in Boston, Arlington Street Church & Dignity Boston, a community of GLBTQ Catholics & Allies, collaborated to meet to meet the growing need for support & services for people facing food & housing insecurity, social isolation and homelessness. 40 years later it continues as an independent organization which has provided over 5,000 meals to hundreds of individuals in the Boston community this year alone. In addition to the meals they also provide clothing and resource information to their guests. Over the past 40 years members of Arlington Street Church have volunteered in a variety of capacities & given generously. Let us keep the tradition of loving service alive.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit [tinyurl.com/GiveASC](https://tinyurl.com/GiveASC); or text the amount you want to give and the word SHARE (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509.

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

## OFFERTORY

Look Up ..... *Dave Bassett & Joy Oladokun* (b. 1992)  
Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals and guitar  
Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano

Sometimes your life feels like a broken roller coaster  
A thousand useless moving parts  
Sometimes you spend your nights  
Too scared of getting closer  
Hiding out in the back seat of your car

You tell yourself it's raining  
The clouds are in your head  
You tell yourself it's better  
To jump before you fall again  
Before you lose it all again

### Chorus

Look up, do you see the sunlight?  
Look up, there's flowers in your hair  
Hold on, 'cause somebody loves you  
You know trouble's always gonna be there  
Don't let it bring you to your knees, look up

Mondays aren't always bright  
Some days, you lose the fight  
But life can be beautiful if you let it be  
Tomorrow keeps taunting you  
With all kinds of mystery  
It's a blank page for your poetry if you let it be

So don't tell yourself it's raining  
The clouds are in your head  
You tell yourself it's better  
To jump before you fall again  
Before you lose it all again

### Chorus

Sometimes your life feels like a broken roller coaster  
A thousand useless moving parts

### Chorus

## READING

At Last the New Arriving ..... *Gabrielle Calvocoressi* (b. 1974)

**\*HYMN**

In The Shelter of Each Other ..... *Reggie Harris* (b. 1952)

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

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

**Chorus**

In the shelter

Of each other

In the shelter

Of our lives

We are open

We are dreaming

We are hopeful

We are wise

Many times the weight of the world crashes in

We feel angry and afraid

We start to lose our sense of hope

Our sense of direction

Isolation we have learned

Will not bring much in return

If we truly cannot learn

To live as one

**Chorus**

Many times the weight of the world crashes in

We feel broken and betrayed

We start to lose our sense of joy

Our sense of connection

And though our history remains

It's our actions we must change

If we hope to heal our planet

We know that we must stand

**Chorus**

**BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

## RECESSIONAL

I'm Coming Out ..... *Nile Rodgers* (b. 1952) and *Bernard Edwards* (1952–1996)  
as sung by *Diana Ross* (b. 1944)

I'm coming out  
I want the world to know  
Got to let it show  
I'm coming out  
I want the world to know  
I got to let it show

We Are Family ..... *Nile Rodgers* (b. 1952) and *Bernard Edwards* (1952–1996)  
as sung by *Sister Sledge*

We are family  
I got all my siblings with me  
We are family  
Get up everybody and sing

Pink Pony Club ..... *Chappell Roan* (b. 1998)

Pink Pony Club  
I'm gonna keep on dancing at the  
Pink Pony Club  
I'm gonna keep on dancing down in  
West Hollywood  
I'm gonna keep on dancing at the  
Pink Pony Club  
Pink Pony Club

## POSTLUDE

You are a Flower ..... *Si-Mon Lee* (b. 1988)  
Hyunju Jung, 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.*



## Arlington Street Staff Directory

Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her) • Transitional Minister ([SeniorMinister@ASCBoston.org](mailto:SeniorMinister@ASCBoston.org))  
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## This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

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

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

11:30 am ~ Friendsgiving Potluck (Parish Hall)

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

12:45 pm ~ Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,  
please visit [Arlingtonstreet.org](http://Arlingtonstreet.org).



## Arlington Street Prudential Committee

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

Kelly Anne Weaver, Chair  
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair  
Dawn Bellamo

Bill Briggs  
Cathy DeMatto  
Hala Hazar

Art Nava  
Laura Pattison  
Darrell Waters

We welcome your questions  
and suggestions at [Pru\\_Chair@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org)



