



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts
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SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

PRELUDE

Breath *Hyoshin Park* (b. 1981)
Prayer of the Young *Kyungmin Son*
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister
Darrell Waters (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 Fourth Principle *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
Shea (Sé) Brown (they/them), soprano

We believe in a free and responsible search for truth and meaning

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Some keep the Sabbath going to Church *Emily Dickinson* (1830–1886)
Rev. Parisa Parsa

*HYMN 113

Where Is Our Holy Church? text: *Edwin Henry Wilson* (1898–1993)
music: *Genevan Psalter* (1551)
adaptation: *William Crotch* (1775–1847)

Where is our holy church?
Where race and class unite
As equal persons in the search
For beauty, truth, and right

Where is our holy writ?
Where'er a human heart
A sacred torch of truth has lit
By inspiration taught

Where is our holy one?
A mighty host respond

The people rise in every land
To break the captive's bond

Where is our holy land?
Within the human soul
Wherever free minds truly seek
With character the goal

Where is our paradise?
In aspiration's sight
Wherein we hope to see arise
Ten thousand years of right

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

READING

Choruses from "The Rock" (excerpts) *T.S. Eliot* (1888–1965)

SONG

Losing My Religion *R.E.M.*
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

Oh, life, it's bigger
It's bigger than you
And you are not me
The lengths that I will go to
The distance in your eyes
Oh no, I've said too much
I set it up

That's me in the corner
That's me in the spotlight
Losin' my religion
Tryin' to keep up with you
And I don't know if I can do it
Oh no, I've said too much
I haven't said enough

I thought that I heard you laughing
I thought that I heard you sing
I think I thought I saw you try

Every whisper
Of every waking hour
I'm choosin' my confessions
Tryin' to keep an eye on you
Like a hurt, lost, and blinded fool
Oh no, I've said too much
I set it up

Consider this
Consider this the hint of the century

Consider this the slip
That brought me to my knees, failed
What if all these fantasies come
Flailing around?
Now, I've said too much

I thought that I heard you laughing
I thought that I heard you sing
I think I thought I saw you try

But that was just a dream
That was just a dream

That's me in the corner
That's me in the spotlight
Losin' my religion
Tryin' to keep up with you
And I don't know if I can do it
Oh no, I've said too much
I haven't said enough

I thought that I heard you laughing
I thought that I heard you sing
I think I thought I saw you try

But that was just a dream
Try, cry, why try?
That was just a dream
Just a dream
Just a dream

SERMON

More than a Feeling: Why Spirituality and Religion Need One Another

Rev. Parisa Parsa

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.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit 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 or by contacting Cheryl Sullivan Ops@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.



**MASSACHUSETTS
TRANSGENDER
POLITICAL
COALITION**

This month's Share the Plate partner is the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition, which works to ensure the wellbeing, safety, and lived equity of all transgender, non-binary and gender expansive community members in Massachusetts.

To make your gift, please scan the QR code above; visit 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

Esto Les Digo music: *Kinley Lange* (b. 1950)
text: *Matthew 18:19-20*

Esto les digo:
si dos de ustedes se ponen
de acuerdo aquí en la tierra para
pedir algo en oración,
mi padre que está en el cielo,
se lo dará.

This I say to you:
if two of you are put,
together here on the earth
to ask anything in prayer,
my Father which is in heaven,
will give it to you.

Porque donde dos o tres
se reúnen en mi nombre,
allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

For where two or three
are gathered in my name,
there I will be, in their midst.

***HYMN**

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

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

Tending the Spark (*See back page for sheet music*) *Heather Houston*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

And we will care for each other
As the world around us unravels
And we will tend to the spark
Of hope that lives within our beating hearts

And we are here now in this present moment
Lifting our voices and hearts
And we are here now we have come together
We are tending the spark

Of hope...
Oh may it grow...

POSTLUDE

Troubled Water *Margaret Bonds* (1913–1972)
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.*



**COVENANT RENEWAL 2026:
OUR COMMUNITY, MOVING FORWARD**

Our stewardship drive is off to a great start, and it is not too late to make your commitment to our financial future!

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Or at: <https://arlingtonstreet.breezechms.com/form/pledge51104453>

If you're having any issues, our Director of Finance and Operations, Cheryl Sullivan, is available to help. Please text or call her at (617) 297-7874.

Thank you for helping to ensure that our beloved spiritual community moves forward with strength!!

 **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 (Interim Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Kelly Anne Weaver, Chair	Bill Briggs	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Dawn Bellamo	Hala Hazar	Darrell Waters

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



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

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

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit Arlingtonstreet.org.

There is a Love

Rebecca Parker

Beth Norton

There is a love hold - ing us, There is a love hold ing all that we
love, There is a love hold - ing all, We rest in this love.

The musical notation is in 3/4 time, featuring a melody with eighth and quarter notes, and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Tending the Spark

Heather Houston

And we will care for each oth-er as the world a - round us un -
-ra-vels, and we will tend to the spark of hope that lives wi-thin our
beat-ing hearts, and we are here_____ now in this pre-sent mo-ment
lift-ing our voi-ces and hearts, and we are here__ now, we have come to-ge-ther,
we are tend - ing the spark of hope_____

oh,_____ may it grow_____

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a melody with quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes.