



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

PRELUDE

Méditation de Thaïs *Jules Massenet* (1842-1912)

Thanks *Kyungmin Son*

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING kel alford (she/her), Student Minister

You Belong to the World *Carrie Fountain*

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Pure Imagination *Leslie Bricusse* (1931-2021) & *Anthony Newley* (1931-1999)

Daniel Rosensweig (he/him), singing

Come with me and you'll be
In a world of pure imagination
Take a look and you'll see
Into your imagination

We'll begin with a spin
Traveling in the world of my creation
What we'll see will defy
Explanation

If you want to view paradise
Simply look around and view it
Anything you want to, do it
Want to change the world?
There's nothing to it

There is no life I know
To compare with pure imagination
Living there, you'll be free
If you truly wish to be

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

GREETINGS kel alford
Rebecca Parkhill (she/her), Worship Coordinator

***HYMN #354**

We Laugh, We Cry (verses 1 & 4) *Shelley Jackson Denham* (b. 1950)

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;
and we believe that sharing is an answer.

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.

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)

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

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

To reach a member of the Pastoral Care team, please email Care@ASCBoston.org.

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.

*HYMN #1051

We Are..... *Ysaye Barnwell*

For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are.

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We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of G-d.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

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SERMON

the audacity of belonging: creativity as a spiritual practice kel alford

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Age of Worry *John Mayer* (b. 1977)

Daniel Rosensweig,, singing

Close your eyes and clone yourself
Build your heart an army
To defend your innocence
While you do everything wrong
Don't be scared to walk alone
Don't be scared to like it
There's no time that you must be home
So sleep where darkness falls

Alive in the age of worry
Smile in the age of worry
Go out in the age of worry
And say, "Worry, why should I care?"
Ooh

No, your fight is not with them
Yours is with your time here
So dream your dreams, but don't pretend
Make friends with what you are
Give your heart and change your mind
You're allowed to do it
'Cause G-d knows it's been done to you and
Somehow you got through it

Alive in the age of worry
Smile in the age of worry
Go out in the age of worry
And say, "Worry, why should I care?"

Ooh
Rage in the age of worry
Act your age in the age of worry
And say, "Worry, get out of here"
Gotta get out, get out of here
Gotta get out
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh

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
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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 Liz Teixeira 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!

OFFERTORY

L'Ondine et le pecheur *Anton Schmoll* (1841-1925)
Hyunju Jung, piano

*HYMN #304

A Fierce Unrest *Don Marquis* (1878-1937)

A fierce unrest seethes at the core of all existing things:
it was the eager wish to soar that gave the gods their wings.
There throbs through all the worlds that are this heartbeat hot and strong,
and shaken systems, star by star, awake and glow in song.

But for the urge of this unrest these joyous spheres are mute;
but for the rebel in our breast had we remained as brutes.
When baffled lips demanded speech, speech trembled into birth;
one day the lyric word shall reach from earth to laughing earth.

From deed to dream, from dream to deed, from daring hope to hope,
the restless wish, the instant need, still drove us up the slope.
Sing we no governed firmament, cold, ordered, regular;
we sing the stinging discontent that leaps from star to star.

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

I've Got Peace Like a River..... *African American Spiritual*
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

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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 Liz Teixeira (Treasurer)
in conducting the business of the church.

Kelly Anne Weaver, 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, AUGUST 17

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

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

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

Come to tea this week as we welcome back Rev. Parisa!

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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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