



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

INGATHERING SUNDAY

PRELUDE

My Only Hope *Minjung Joo*

Gifted *Lee O Neul* (b. 1993)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister
Lucy Humphrey (they/them), Worship Coordinator

*CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 1000 Morning Has Come text and music: *Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!
The light of hope here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n
Wonder fills this moment shared together
The light of peace here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

Open our eyes to see that life abounds
Open hearts to welcome it among us
The light of love here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Grace and the Great Turning *Joanna Macy* (1929–2025)

Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

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

***HYMN 360**

Here We Have Gathered *text: Alice S. Carpenter (1930–1990)*
music: Genevan Psalter (1543)

Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;
circle of kinship, come and step inside!
May all who seek here find a kindly word;
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Here we have gathered, called to celebrate
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:
we of all ages, living out our span,
infants and sages, sharing what we can.
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.

Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:
but in the shadows, let us not forget:
we who now gather know each other's pain;
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

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

*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 368

Now Let Us Sing text and music: *Anonymous*

Now let us sing, sing, sing
Now let us sing, sing, sing
Lift up your voice, be not afraid
Now let us sing to the power of the faith within

Sing to the power of the faith within
Sing to the power of the faith within
Lift up your voice, be not afraid
Sing to the power of the faith within

Sing to the power of the **hope** within...

Sing to the power of the **love** within...

Sing to the power of the **joy** within...

SERMON

The Spirit's Unfolding Celebration Rev. Parisa Parsa

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Rune of Hospitality text: *Traditional Gaelic Rune*
music: *Alf Houkom* (b. 1935)

Aaron Larget-Caplan (he/him), classical guitar

I saw a stranger yestreen;
I put food in the eating place,
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place;

And in the sacred name of the Triune
He blessed myself and my house,
My cattle and my dear ones.

And the lark said in her song:
Often, often, often
Goes the Christ
In the stranger's guise.

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 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!

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.



Boston Interfaith Climate Allies (BICA) is a grassroots collective of congregations originating from central Boston including (but not limited to): Arlington Street Church, Central Reform Temple, Church of the Covenant, Emmanuel Church, First Church Boston, King's Chapel, Old North Church, Old South Church, Saint Cecilia Parish, St. Paul's Cathedral, The Paulist Center, Trinity Church. They are organizing the local

participation in the [Sun Way Pilgrimage](#), part of the international [Sun Day action](#) on September 21, 2025 that celebrates solar & wind and the movement to free our world of fossil fuels. As a participating congregation, our gifts support local efforts for interfaith climate justice work.

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

moving still (2021) *Aaron Larget-Caplan* (b. 1978)
Aaron Larget-Caplan, classical guitar

SHARING OUR HOPES

What do you want to open yourself to this season?

Please come forward with your word or phrase and stick it to one of the ribbons on the table

*HYMN

Answering the Call of Love..... Jason Shelton (b. 1972)
arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

The promise of the Spirit
Faith, hope and love abide
And so every soul is blessed and made whole
The truth in our hearts is our guide

Sometimes we build a barrier
To keep love tightly bound
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear
Denying the beauty we've found

Chorus

We are answering the call of love
Hands joined together as hearts beat as one
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim
We are answering the call of love

Chorus

A bright new day is dawning
When love will not divide
Reflections of grace in every
embrace
Fulfilling the vision divine

Chorus

*BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*RECESSIONAL

Where You Go (I Will Go) Shoshana Jedwab (b. 1964)
arrangement: Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)

Julie Gregorio (she/her) & Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), sopranos

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

Blessed Be Your Name Matt Redman (b. 1974)
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.*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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.



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



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