



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

### PRELUDE

Méditation de Thaïs ..... *Jules Massenet* (1842–1912)

Piano Concerto No. 2

II. Adagio sostenuto (excerpts) ..... *Sergei Rachmaninoff* (1873–1943)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

### INTROIT

Tebye Poyem (To Thee We Sing) ..... *Sergei Rachmaninoff* (1873–1943)  
from *The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*

Jon Dendy (he/him), baritone

Sé (Shea) Brown, (they/them), soprano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Dr. Roger Jones (he/him), Guest Preacher  
Rebecca Parkhill (she/her), Worship Coordinator

### OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

We Build on Foundations We Did Not Lay ..... *Deuteronomy 6:10-12*  
adaptation: *Rev. Peter Raible* (1929–2004)

Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

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

### \*HYMN 12

O Life That Maketh All Things New ..... text: *Samuel Longfellow* (1819–1892)  
music: *Traditional English Melody*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

O Life that maketh all things new,  
The blooming earth, our thoughts within,  
Our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew,  
In gladness hither turn again.

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

From hand to hand the greeting flows,  
From eye to eye the signals run,  
From heart to heart the bright hope glows,  
The seekers of the light are one:

One in the freedom of the truth,  
One in the joy of paths untrod,  
One in the soul's perennial youth,  
One in the larger thought of G-d;

The freer step, the fuller breath,  
The wide horizon's grander view,  
The sense of life that knows no death,  
The Life that maketh all things new,  
The Life that maketh all things new.

### 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](https://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](mailto: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 1011

Return Again ..... *Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach* (1925–1994)

Return again  
Return again  
Return to the home of your soul

Return to who you are  
Return to what you are  
Return to where you are born and reborn again

## READING

Duck! Rabbit! ..... story: *Amy Krouse Rosenthal* (1965–2017)  
illustrations: *Tom Lichtenheld* (b. 1953)

## INTERLUDE

Piano Concerto No. 2

II. Adagio sostenuto (excerpt) ..... *Sergei Rachmaninoff* (1873–1943)

## SERMON

The Stories in Our Head that Get in Our Way ..... Rev. Dr. Roger Jones

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Bogoroditse Devo (Ave Maria) ..... *Sergei Rachmaninoff* (1873–1943)  
from *All Night Vigil*

## 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.



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. **Arlington Street Church's Climate Crisis Committee ([climate@ascboston.org](mailto:climate@ascboston.org))** is part of BICA and 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](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

Worst Case Scenario ..... *Katie Pruitt* (b. 1994)

Bek Zehr (they/them), guitar and vocals

Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano

Out on a ledge, and looking for exits  
Life is one long dragged out death sentence  
And my brain it always goes to the worst-case scenarios  
Staying just anxious enough to keep me on my toes

What if I gave up control?  
Instead of getting caught up in all these hypotheticals  
Why am I putting my pain on a pedestal?  
Don't wanna live for the worst-case scenario

I am the king of disaster prevention  
Skeptical of every good intention  
'Cause if I expect the worst, I'm staying ahead of the curve  
And maybe then when it comes crashing down, I won't get hurt

Maybe it's fine not to know  
If I die, did I waste all my time being skeptical?  
Why am I putting my pain on a pedestal?  
Don't wanna live for the worst-case scenario

Positive mantra, put it into action  
Asking myself, "What's the worst that can happen?"  
Once in a while maybe I should  
Try manifesting something good  
And even if it doesn't pan out like I thought it would  
I think it'd do me good

**\*HYMN 126**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ..... text: *Rev. Robert Robinson* (1735–1790)  
& *Rev. Eugene B. Navias* (1928–2014)  
music: *John Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music* (1813)

Come, thou fount of every blessing  
Tune our ears to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
While the hope of life's perfection  
Fills our hearts with joy and love  
Teach us ever to be faithful  
May we still thy goodness prove

Come, thou fount of every vision  
Lift our eyes to what may come  
See the lion and the lambkin  
Dwell together in thy home

Hear the cries of war fall silent  
Feel our love glow like the sun  
When we all serve one another  
Then our heaven is begun

Come, thou fount of inspiration  
Turn our lives to higher ways  
Lift our gloom and desperation  
Show the promise of this day  
Help us bind ourselves in union  
Help our hands tell of our love  
With thine aid, O fount of justice  
Earth be fair as heaven above

**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**

Piano Concerto No. 2

III. Allegro scherzando (excerpts) ..... *Sergei Rachmaninoff* (1873–1943)

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 14**

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

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

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

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

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

2:00 pm ~ George Whitehouse Memorial Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

7:30 pm ~ Lilith Vocal Ensemble Concert (Chapel)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,  
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## A SPECIAL INVITATION: SAVE THE DATE!

**Reimagining Who We Are and Where We're Going: A Congregational Retreat**  
hosted by ASC's Prudential Committee and Transition Team

Join us for a morning of renewal, reflection, and reconnection as we explore our vision for the future of Arlington Street Church. Guided by our shared values, we'll deepen our community bonds and imagine the path ahead for our spiritual community—together.

Whether you're a longtime member or new to our congregation, this is a space for all voices and hearts.

**In-Person Retreat:**

Saturday, October 4th  
9:00am-1:00pm  
Emmanuel Church  
15 Newbury St., Boston

**Virtual Retreat:**

Saturday, October 18th  
Arlington Street Zoom Room  
Time: TBD

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)



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