



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

### PRELUDE

Les Jours Tranquilles ..... *André Gagnon* (1936–2020)

I'm Just A... ..... *Yiruma* (b. 1978)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister  
Rev. John O'Connor, Worship Coordinator

### INTROIT

Of Time and Rivers Flowing ..... text: *Pete Seeger* (1919–2014)

music: *Michael Praetorius* (1571–1621)

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

Of time and rivers flowing  
The seasons make a song  
And we who live beside her  
Still try to sing along  
Of rivers, fish, and men  
And the season still a-coming  
When she'll run clear again

So many homeless sailors  
So many winds that blow  
I asked the half blind scholars  
Which way the currents flow

So cast your nets below  
And the gods of moving waters  
Will tell us all they know

The circles of the atoms  
The circles of the moon  
The circles of the planets  
All play a marching tune  
And we who would join in  
Can stand aside no longer  
Now let us all begin

### OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

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 38**

Morning Has Broken ..... text: *Eleanor Farjeon* (1881–1965)  
music: *Gaelic Melody*, harmonization: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), sopralto

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where G\*d's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
G-d's recreation of the new day!

**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 163**

Bluegreen Hills of Earth ..... text and music: *Kim Oler* (b. 1954)  
("For the Earth Forever Turning") arrangement: *Nick Page* (b. 1952)  
*& Jim Scott* (b. 1946)

For the earth forever turning  
For the skies, for every sea  
For our lives, for all we cherish  
Sing we our joyful song of peace

For the sun, for rain, and thunder  
For the seasons' harmony  
For our lives, for all creation  
Sing we our joyful praise to thee

For the mountains, hills, and pastures  
In their silent majesty  
For the stars, for all the heavens  
Sing we our joyful song of peace

For the world we raise our voices  
For the home that gives us birth  
In our joy we sing returning  
Home to our bluegreen hills of earth

## SERMON

Power Sources ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa

## SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

## ANTHEM

Hymne au soleil ..... music: *Lili Boulanger* (1893–1918)  
(Hymn to the Sun) text: *Casimir Delavigne* (1793–1843)  
Bek Zehr (they/them), mezzo soprano

Du soleil qui renaît bénissons la puissance.  
Avec tout l'univers célébrons son retour.  
Couronné de splendeur,  
il se lève, il s'élance.  
Le réveil de la terre est un hymne d'amour.  
Sept coursiers qu'en partant le Dieu  
contient à peine,  
Enflamment l'horizon  
de leur brûlante haleine.

Let us bless the power of the reborn sun.  
With all the universe  
let us celebrate its return.  
Crowned with splendor, it rises, it soars.  
The waking of the earth is a hymn of love.  
Seven rushing steeds that G-d  
scarcely holds back  
Ignite the horizon  
with their scorching breath.

O soleil fécond, tu parais!  
Avec ses champs en fleurs, ses monts,  
    ses bois épais,  
La vaste mer de tes feux embrasée,  
L'univers plus jeune et plus frais,  
Des vapeurs de matin  
    sont brillants de rosée.

Oh, vivid sun, you appear!  
With its fields in bloom, its mountains,  
its thick forests,  
The vast sea set ablaze by your fires,  
The universe, younger and fresher,  
The morning vapors  
are glistening with dew.

## 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. 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

Sunshine on My Shoulders ..... *John Denver* (1943–1997),  
*Dick Kniss* (1937–2012), and *Mike Taylor* (1948–2010)

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals  
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals  
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

**Chorus**  
Sunshine  
On my shoulders makes me happy  
Sunshine in my eyes  
Can make me cry  
Sunshine on the water  
Looks so lovely  
Sunshine  
Almost always makes me high

If I had a day  
That I could give you  
I'd give to you  
The day just like today  
If I had a song  
That I could sing for you

I'd sing a song  
To make you feel this way

### Chorus

If I had a tale  
That I could tell you  
I'd tell a tale  
Sure to make you smile  
If I had a wish  
That I could wish for you  
I'd make a wish  
For sunshine for all the while

### Chorus

## \*HYMN

The Tide is Rising ..... *Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman and Yotam Schachter*

The tide is rising and so are we  
The tide is rising and so are we  
The tide is rising and so are we  
This is where we are called to be  
This is where we are called to be

The task is mighty and so are we...

This land is holy and so are we...

The storm is raging and so are we...

The sun is shining and so are we...

The world is ready....

## 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

From the Rising of the Sun ..... *Paul S. Deming*  
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 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)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

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

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

3:00 pm ~ Celebrity Series of Boston Presents: Adrian Anantawan & Friends  
(Sanctuary)

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

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](http://Arlingtonstreet.org).**



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



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