



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

### PRELUDE

Gymnopédie No. 1 ..... *Erik Satie* (1866–1925)  
Songs without Words Op. 19, No. 4 ..... *Felix Mendelssohn* (1809–1847)  
Lake Louise ..... *Yuhki Kuramoto* (b. 1951)  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister  
Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), Worship Coordinator

### INTROIT

The First Principle ..... *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)  
Jon Dendy (he/him), baritone; Sam LaGrego (he/him), tenor

We believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every being

### OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Try to Praise the Mutilated World ..... *Adam Zagajewski* (1945–2021)  
translation: *Claire Cavanaugh*

Rev. Parisa Parsa

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

### \*HYMN 155

Circle 'Round for Freedom ..... *Linda Hirschhorn* (b. 1947)

Circle 'round for freedom  
Circle 'round for peace  
For all of us imprisoned  
Circle for release

Circle for the planet  
Circle for each soul  
For the children of our children  
Keep the circle whole

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

## 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 159

A Song of Peace: A Patriotic Song ..... text: *Lloyd Stone* (1912–1993)  
("This is My Song") music: *Jean Sibelius* (1865–1957)

This is my song, O G-d of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine  
This is my home, the country where my heart is  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
O hear my song, thou G-d of all the nations  
A song of peace for their land and for mine

## READING

On the Sin of Sodom (hint: it's not sodomy) *excerpt* ..... *Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg* (b. 1975)

**ANTHEM**

Sim Shalom ..... *Max Janowski* (1912–1991)  
Sam LaGrego, tenor; Hyunju Jung, organ

*-honoring the Jewish High Holy Days-*

Grant peace, goodness, and blessings:  
Grace, kindness, and mercy to us  
and unto all Israel and all the world, your people.  
Bless us, our creator, all of us as one,  
through the light of your presence;  
Truly through the light of your presence, G-d.  
You gave us the Torah of life,  
And the love of kindness, justice and blessing, mercy, life, and peace;  
May you see fit to bless your people  
at all times, at every hour, with your peace.  
Praised are you, G-d, source of peace.

**SERMON**

Wondering and Wandering ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER**

**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

A Safe Place to Land ..... *Sara Bareilles* (b. 1979) and *Lori McKenna* (b. 1968)  
Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals  
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals  
Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

When holding your breath is safer than breathing  
When letting go is braver than keeping  
When innocent words turn to lies  
And you can't hide by closing your eyes

When pain is all that they offer  
Like the kiss from the lips of a monster  
You know the famine so well, but never met the feast  
When home is the belly of the beast

### Chorus

The ocean is wild and over your head  
And the boat beneath you is sinking  
Don't need room for your bags, hope is all that you have  
So say the Lord's Prayer twice, hold your babies tight  
Surely someone will reach out a hand  
And show you a safe place to land

Imagine yourself in a building  
Up in flames, being told to stand still  
The window's wide open, this leap is on faith  
You don't know who will catch you, but maybe somebody will

**Chorus**

Be the hand of a hopeful stranger  
Little scared, but you're strong enough  
Be the light in the dark of this danger  
'Til the sun comes up

**\*HYMN 1017**

Building a New Way ..... *Martha Sandefer* (b. 1952)

We are building a new way  
We are building a new way  
We are building a new way  
Feeling stronger every day  
We are building a new way

We can feed our every need  
....start with love, that is the seed  
Peace and freedom is our cry  
...without these this world will die

We are working to be free...  
...of hate and greed and jealousy

We are building a new way...  
... feeling stronger every day

**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**

Bye, Summer ..... *Donghwan Seo* (b. 1996)  
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 28

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

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

3:00 pm ~ Celebrity Series of Boston Presents: Kevin Harris Trio (Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

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).



## 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)



## Arlington Street Staff Directory

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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,  
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