



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

PRELUDE

Remember *Yiruma* (b. 1978)
Do You Hear?..... *Melissa Sky-Eagle* (b. 1978)
 ("Come and Find the Quiet Center" and "Do You Hear?")
Morning Has Broken, So Fair to See *Melissa Sky-Eagle* (b. 1978)
 ("Morning Has Broken" and "Morning, So Fair to See")
 Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & CHALICE LIGHTING .

Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her), Affiliated Community Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Kaleidoscope *Chappell Roan* (b. 1998)
 Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Here we go again, everything is fine
I guess we could pretend we didn't cross a line
But ever since that day, everything has changed
The way I write your name, a cursive letter "a"
Whenever it may be that you go on your way
If you really wanna leave, I'll never make you stay

Whatever you decide, I will understand
And it'll all be fine and just go back to being friends

And love is a kaleidoscope; how it works, I'll never know
And even all the change, it's somehow all the same
Turn it to the left and right, colors shinin' in your eye
And even upside down, it's beautiful somehow
It's never just a shape alone, love is a kaleidoscope

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

And if you ever find someone who could write
A better song for you, well, I'd love to see them try
Put it all in words and sing it all in tune
There's no one else who could, the only one is you

And if you change your mind, I will understand
And it'll just take time to go back to being friends

And love is a kaleidoscope; how it works, I'll never know
And even all the change, it's somehow all the same
Turn it to the left and right, colors shinin' in your eye
And even upside down, it's beautiful somehow
Every color of the rainbow, don't be afraid to hold it close
It's never just a shape alone, love is a kaleidoscope

BLESSING FOR NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY Rev. Ali Jablonsky,
Rev. John O'Conner (he/him)

OPENING WORDS Rebecca Reid (she/her), Worship Coordinator

***HYMN 86**

Blessed Spirit of My Life text & music: *Shelly Jackson Denham* (1950–2013)

Blessed Spirit of my life, give me strength through stress and strife
Help me live with dignity; let me know serenity
Fill me with a vision, clear my mind of fear and confusion
When my thoughts flow restlessly, let peace find a home in me

Spirit of great mystery, hear the still, small voice in me
Help me live my wordless creed as I comfort those in need
Fill me with compassion, be the source of my intuition
Then, when life is done for me, let love be my legacy

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

*Please come forward to light a candle at any time at the table to the right of the podium.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.
To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle.*

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 123**

Spirit of Life text & music: *Carolyn McDade* (b. 1935)

Spirit of Life, come unto me
Sing in my heart all the
Stirrings of compassion
Blow in the wind
Rise in the sea
Move in the hand, giving
Life the shape of justice
Roots hold me close
Wings set me free
Spirit of Life, come to me
Come to me

SERMON

The Value of Vulnerability Rev. Ali Jablonsky

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER

ANTHEM

I'll Cover You *Jonathan Larson* (1960–1996)
from *Rent*

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

Live in my house
I'll be your shelter
Just pay me back
With one thousand kisses
Be my lover
And I'll cover you

Open your door
I'll be your tenant
Don't got much baggage
To lay at your feet

But sweet kisses I've got to spare
I'll be there and I'll cover you

I think they meant it
When they said you can't buy love
Now I know you can rent it
A new lease you are, my love,
On life – all my life

I've longed to discover
Something as true as this is

So with a thousand sweet kisses
I'll cover you
With a thousand sweet kisses
I'll cover you
With a thousand sweet kisses
I'll cover you
With a thousand sweet kisses
I'll cover you

If you're cold
And you're lonely
You've got one nickel only

When you're worn out and tired

When your heart has expired

Oh lover I'll cover you
Oh lover I'll cover you
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand seasons of love

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.

Ride for Hope is a student-led cycling initiative dedicated to raising funds and awareness for families affected by childhood cancer. Founded by Aarav Jadhav and Jakub Paul while they were juniors at Brookline High School, the organization began with an ambitious goal: to make a real difference for children and families supported by The Boston House: Hope and Healing for Children with Cancer. Their current goal is to raise \$5,000 with a ride from Boston to New York City this month. Ride for Hope is about more than cycling—it's about inspiring action, spreading awareness, and building a community of compassion, sportsmanship, and fitness. Every mile we ride is dedicated to supporting families and encouraging others to make a difference in their communities.

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

Fix You *Coldplay*
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

When you try your best, but you don't succeed
When you get what you want, but not what you need
When you feel so tired, but you can't sleep
Stuck in reverse
When the tears come streaming down your face
When you lose something you can't replace
When you love someone, but it goes to waste
Could it be worse?

Chorus

Lights will guide you home
And ignite your bones
And I will try to fix you

But high up above or down below
When you're too in love to let it show
But if you never try, you'll never know
Just what you're worth

Chorus

When tears stream down your face
When you lose something that you cannot replace
When tears stream down your face, and I...
When tears stream down your face
I promise you I'll learn from my mistakes
Tears stream down your face, and I...

Chorus

***HYMN**

Help! *John Lennon* (1940–1980) and *Paul McCartney* (b. 1942)
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals

Help! I need somebody
Help! Not just anybody
Help! You know I need someone
Help!

When I was younger, so much younger than today
I never needed anybody's help in any way
But now these days are gone, I'm not so self assured
Now I find I've changed my mind and opened up the doors

Chorus

Help me if you can, I'm feeling down
And I do appreciate you being 'round
Help me get my feet back on the ground
Won't you please, please help me?

And now my life has changed in oh so many ways
My independence seems to vanish in the haze
But every now and then I feel so insecure
I know that I just need you like I've never done before

Chorus

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

Earth and Sky *Melissa Sky-Eagle* (b. 1978)
("We Would Be One" and "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky")
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 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
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This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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.



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.

Virtual Retreat:
Saturday, November 1st
Arlington Street Zoom Room
Time: 10am-12pm

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
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