



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

PRELUDE

Les Barricades Mystérieuses *François Couperin* (1668–1733)
Prelude in E minor Op. 28, No. 4 *Frédéric Chopin* (1810–1849)
Autumn Song *Pyotr Tchaikovsky* (1840–1893)
Cynthia Tseng (she/her), piano

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

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.

INTROIT

Hear Me text: *Jean Horneck*
music: *Théodore Dubois* (1837–1924)

Make my eyes to see clearly
Let my heart not cease to wonder
Toward the light of truth, lead me
Through my soul let courage thunder
And my soul, be it near thee
Learning the ways of compassion
G-d of Eye and Heart, hear me

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Courage (excerpts) *Anne Sexton* (1928–1974)
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 298**

Wake, Now, My Senses text: *Thomas Mikelson (1936–2020)*
music: *Traditional Irish Melody*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call
Feel the deep power of being in all
Keep, with the web of creation your vow
Giving, receiving as love shows us how

Wake, now, my reason, reach out to the new
Join with each pilgrim who quests for the true
Honor the beauty and wisdom of time
Suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry
Voices of suffering fill the wide sky
Take as your neighbor both stranger and friend
Praying and striving their hardship to end

Wake, now, my conscience, with justice thy guide
Join with all people whose rights are denied
Take not for granted a privileged place
G-d's love embraces the whole human race

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

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.

***HYMN**

Singing the Spirit Home *Eric Bogle* (b. 1944)

Courage, my friend, you do not travel alone
We will, go with you, and sing your spirit home

Justice...

Freedom...

Patience...

Dignity...

If not now, then when, you do not travel alone
We will, go as one, and sing your spirit home
We will, go as one, and sing your spirit home

READING

Being Wrong: Adventures in the Margin of Error (excerpt) *Kathryn Schulz* (b. 1974)

ANTHEM

You Learn text: *Alanis Morissette* (b. 1974)
from *Jagged Little Pill* music: *Alanis Morissette & Glen Ballard* (b. 1953)
arrangement: *Mark Brymer* (b. 1958)

I recommend biting off more than you can chew to anyone, I certainly do
I recommend sticking your foot in your mouth at any time, feel free
Throw it down, the caution blocks you from the wind
Hold it up to the rays, you wait and see when the smoke clears

You live, you learn, you love you learn
You cry, you learn, you lose, you learn
You bleed, you learn, you scream, you learn

Wear it out, the way a three year old would do
Melt it down, you're gonna have to eventually, anyway
The firetrucks are coming up around the bend

You live, you learn, you love you learn
You cry, you learn, you lose, you learn
You bleed, you learn, you scream, you learn

Thank you, India, you grieve, you learn
Thank you, providence, you choke, you learn
Thank you, disillusionment, you laugh, you learn
Thank you, clarity, you pray, you learn
Thank you, consequence, you ask, you learn
Thank you, thank you silence, you live, you learn

SERMON

The Courage to Continue 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.



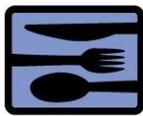
WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
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.



FRIDAY NIGHT
SINCE 1984
SUPPER PROGRAM

As millions of people face reduction or complete loss of benefits for food assistance from the federal government this month, our share the plate partner is the Friday Night Supper Program.

In 1984 as the AIDS Crisis was escalating in Boston, Arlington Street Church & Dignity Boston, a community of GLBTQ Catholics & Allies, collaborated to meet to meet the growing need for support & services for people facing food & housing insecurity, social isolation and homelessness. 40 years later it continues as an independent organization which has provided over 5,000 meals to hundreds of individuals in the Boston community this year alone. In addition to the meals they also provide clothing and resource information to their guests. Over the past 40 years members of Arlington Street Church have volunteered in a variety of capacities & given generously. Let us keep the tradition of loving service alive.

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

That Wasn't Me *Brandi Carlile* (b. 1981), *Phil Hanseroth* (b. 1974), *Tim Hanseroth* (b. 1974)
Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), vocals
Mark David Buckles (he/him), piano

Hang on, just hang on for a minute
I've got something to say
I'm not asking you to move on or forget it
But these are better days
To be wrong all along and admit it, is not amazing grace
But to be loved like a song you remember
Even when you've changed

Chorus

Tell me, did I go on a tangent?
Did I lie through my teeth?
Did I cause you to stumble on your feet?
Did I bring shame on my family?
Did it show when I was weak?
Whatever you've seen, that wasn't me
That wasn't me, oh that wasn't me

When you're lost, you will toss every lucky coin you'll ever trust
And you'll hide from your G-d like he ever turns his back on us
Then you fall all the way to the bottom and land on your own knife
And you'll learn who you are, even if it doesn't take your life

Chorus

But I want you to know that you'll never be alone
I wanna believe
Do I make myself a blessing to everyone I meet?
When you fall, I will get you on your feet
Do I spend time with my family?
Did it show when I was weak?
When that's what you see, that will be me
That will be me, that will be me, that will be me

***SONG**

Change Your Mind *Ken Block* (b. 1966)
from *Sister Hazel*

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

Hey, hey
Did you ever think
There might be another way
To just feel better,
Just feel better about today

Oh no, if you never want to have
To turn and go away
You might feel better,
Might feel better if you stay

Pre-chorus
Yeah yeah, I hope you've heard
Every word I've said
Yeah yeah, if you've had enough
Of all your trying
Just give up the state of mind you're in

Chorus
If you want to be somebody else,
If you're tired of fighting battles with yourself
If you want to be somebody else
Change your mind
Change your mind

Hey, hey
Did you ever think
There might be another way
To just feel better,
Just feel better about today

Oh no, if you never want to have
To turn and go away
You might feel better,
Might feel better if you stay

Pre-chorus
Yeah yeah, I hope you've heard
Every word I've said
Yeah yeah, if you've had enough
Of all your trying
Just give up the state of mind you're in

Chorus
If you want to be somebody else,
If you're tired of fighting battles with yourself
If you want to be somebody else
Change your mind
Change your mind

Hey hey, have you ever danced in the rain
Or thanked the sun just for shining
Just for shining, or the sea?

Oh no, take it all in
The world's a show
And yeah, you look much better,
Look much better when you glow

Pre-chorus
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), soprano; Sé (Shea) Brown (they/them), sopralto

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

Sonata in E major, K. 380 *Domenico Scarlatti* (1685–1757)
Cynthia Tseng, 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	Bill Briggs	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Dawn Bellamo	Hala Hazar	Darrell Waters

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

 **Arlington Street Staff Directory**

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This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:00 pm ~ Voice of Iris Concert (Chapel)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

4:00 pm ~ Voice of Iris Concert (Chapel)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit Arlingtonstreet.org.

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