



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

### PRELUDE

Autumn Morning ..... *Byung-Woo Lee* (b. 1965)  
Magic Lily ..... *Yeeun Ahn* (b. 1992)  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Transitional Minister  
kel alford (she/her), 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

Not Afraid to Try ..... *Ben Rector* (b. 1986)  
Bek Zehr (they/them), piano and vocals

Brother, believe me  
I know that it's hard sometimes  
The bloody noses, blackened eyes  
But g-d I love the way you try, and try, and try again

These people they don't know the weight of dreams  
How hard and lonely it can be  
To carry that flame honestly  
To keep from going dim

### Chorus

And I don't know how long it takes to get to where we're going  
I don't know if we arrive  
Me I don't know much of anything but thanks for showing  
That you're not afraid to try

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

And when you feel like giving up  
And when it all feels like too much  
Brother, you took that weight and carried it on

So if they want to, let them talk  
That's how you know they've never walked  
Inside this ring and stood up tall  
To go a couple rounds

I wish I knew if you'd catch all your dreams  
And finally feel finality  
But deep down, man, I think we're just swinging  
Til we're in the ground

### Chorus

## OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Being ..... *Tanaya Winder* (b. 1986)  
Rev. Parisa Parsa

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

### \*HYMN

Here Together ..... *David Glasgow* (b. 1971)

We are here, here together, in this holy moment  
And we're grateful for the winding road that brought us to this place

### READING

Unlegendary Heroes ..... *Mary O'Donnell* (b. 1954)  
kel alford & Rev. Parisa Parsa

### \*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...

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

**SERMON**

Quietly Courageous ..... Rev. Parisa Parsa

**CONGREGATIONAL REFRAIN:**

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

**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](http://tinyurl.com/ASCCandle).*

*To reach the Pastoral Care team, please email [Care@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Care@ASCBoston.org).*

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION & PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

Brave ..... *Sara Bareilles* (b. 1979)  
Bek Zehr, vocals

You can be amazing  
You can turn a phrase into a weapon or a drug  
You can be the outcast  
Or be the backlash of somebody's lack of love  
Or you can start speaking up  
Nothing's gonna hurt you the way that words do  
When they settle 'neath your skin  
Kept on the inside and no sunlight  
Sometimes a shadow wins  
But I wonder what would happen if you

**Chorus**

Say what you wanna say  
And let the words fall out honestly  
I wanna see you be brave  
With what you want to say  
And let the words fall out honestly  
I wanna see you be brave

Everybody's been there  
Everybody's been stared down by the enemy  
Fallen for the fear and done some disappearing  
Bow down to the mighty  
But don't run, stop holding your tongue  
Maybe there's a way out of the cage where you live  
Maybe one of these days you can let the light in  
Show me how big your brave is

### Chorus

And since your history of silence  
Won't do you any good  
Did you think it would?  
Let your words be anything but empty  
Why don't you tell them the truth?

### Chorus

## 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. 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.



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](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 Comme Amour ..... *Richard Clayderman* (b. 1953)  
Hyunju Jung, piano

#### \*HYMN

Life Calls Us On ..... text: *Rev. Kendyl Gibbons* (b. 1955)  
music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Here in reverence now we gather  
For the blessings we have known,  
With a pledge to one another  
That we journey not alone.  
Joy and sorrow make us wise,  
Kin to all that lives and dies;  
Love calls us on, love calls us on.

Loyal guides in love and duty  
Lead us with a trusted light;  
Blest are they whose inward beauty  
Shows the path of truth and right.  
Honor is their earthly prize;  
By their work we realize,  
Faith calls us on, faith calls us on.

Words and deeds of those before us  
Waken here to keep us strong;  
Blend our voices in the chorus  
Of creation's living song.  
Courage bids us lift our eyes  
Upward to the shining skies;  
Hope calls us on, hope calls on.

We have shared a radiant hour  
When the truth has made us free,  
And the spirit's gracious power  
Dreamed of good that yet shall be.  
Bright the path before us lies  
Joyful pilgrims now we rise;  
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

#### 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**

Something Just Like This ..... *Coldplay & The Chainsmokers*  
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	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](mailto:Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org)**

 **Arlington Street Staff Directory**

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## This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

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

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11** (*Veteran's Day - Church Office Will be Closed*)

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

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

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,  
please visit [Arlingtonstreet.org](http://Arlingtonstreet.org).

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