



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

### PRELUDE

Rise Again ..... *Chaerim Kim*  
Gathered Here, Within this Place ..... *Don Besig* (b. 1936) arr. *Soomin Choi*  
Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS ..... Rev. John O'Connor (he/him)  
Rebecca Reid (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

The Way It Is..... *Bruce Hornsby* (b. 1954)  
Jon Dendy (he/him), piano & vocals

Standing in line, marking time,  
Waiting for the welfare dime  
'Cause they can't buy a job  
A man in a silk suit hurries by  
As he catches the poor old lady's eyes  
Just for fun he says, "Get a job"

**Chorus**  
That's just the way it is  
Some things will never change  
That's just the way it is  
Ah, but don't you believe them

They say, "Hey little boy you can't go  
Where the others go  
'Cause you don't look like they do"  
Said, "Hey old man  
How can you stand to think that way

Did you really think about it  
Before you made the rules"  
He said, son

### Chorus

Well they passed a law in '64  
To give those who ain't got a little more  
But it only goes so far  
Because the law don't change  
In another's mind  
When all it sees at the hiring time  
Is the line on the color bar

### Chorus

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

**OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING** ..... Rev. John O'Connor

**\*HYMN 1000**

Morning Has Come ..... text and music: *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)

Morning has come, arise and greet the day!  
Dance with joy and sing a song of gladness!  
The light of hope here shines upon each face  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

A new day dawns, once more the gift is giv'n  
Wonder fills this moment shared together  
The light of peace here shines upon each face  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

Open our eyes to see that life abounds  
Open hearts to welcome it among us  
The light of love here shines upon each face  
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

**READING**

On the Pulse of the Morning (excerpt) ..... *Maya Angelou* (1928–2014)

**ANTHEM**

Feeling Good ..... *Anthony Newley* (1931–1999) & *Leslie Bricusse* (1931–2021)  
Jon Dendy, vocals; Hyunju Jung, piano

Birds flying high, you know how I feel  
Sun in the sky, you know how I feel  
Breeze driftin' on by, you know how I feel  
It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me  
And I'm feeling good

Fish in the sea, you know how I feel  
River running free, you know how I feel  
Blossom on the tree, you know how I feel  
It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me  
And I'm feeling good

Dragonfly out in the sun, you know what I mean, don't you know  
Butterflies all havin' fun, you know what I mean  
Sleep in peace when day is done, that's what I mean  
And this old world is a new world, and a bold world for me

Stars when you shine, you know how I feel  
Scent of the pine, you know how I feel  
Oh freedom is mine, and I know how I feel  
It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me  
And I'm feeling good

## SERMON

It's a New Dawn ..... Rev. John O'Connor

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/ASCCandle).*

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

## 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.

This month’s Share the Plate partner is **Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church’s annual holiday party**. Arlington Street Church supports Bethel's neighborhood holiday party by supplying gloves and gift cards for the parents who bring their kids to the party. Bethel and other churches that participate supply each child who attends the party with an age-appropriate gift and a meal is provided for each family to take home. Through our support of Bethel's holiday party, ASC is able to support children and parents in Dorchester. Thanks for contributing to this effort.

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**

Valse Lente Op. 33 ..... *Oskar Merikanto* (1868–1924)  
Hyunju Jung, piano

**\*HYMN 1014**

Answering the Call of Love..... *Rev. Jason Shelton* (b. 1972)  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

The promise of the Spirit  
Faith, hope and love abide  
And so every soul is blessed  
and made whole  
The truth in our hearts is our guide

Sometimes we build a barrier  
To keep love tightly bound  
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear  
Denying the beauty we've found

**Chorus**

We are answering the call of love  
Hands joined together as  
hearts beat as one  
Emboldened by faith, we dare  
to proclaim  
We are answering the call of love

**Chorus**

A bright new day is dawning  
When love will not divide  
Reflections of grace in every embrace  
Fulfilling the vision divine

**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**

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.*

 **Arlington Street Staff Directory**

Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her) • Transitional Minister ([SeniorMinister@ASCBoston.org](mailto:SeniorMinister@ASCBoston.org))  
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 **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)**



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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

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

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel)

12:45 pm ~ Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY, 1**

*Happy New Year!*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

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

12:00 pm ~ New Year's Potluck (Chapel)

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

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