



# ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### PRELUDE

Scenes from Childhood (Kinderszenen), Op. 15 ..... *Robert Schumann* (1810–1856)

I. Von fremden Ländern und Menschen (Of Foreign Lands and Peoples)

VII. Träumerei (Dreaming)

VIII. Am Kamin (At the Fireside)

Seonghyun Lee (he/him), piano

**WELCOME & GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Erica Rose Long (she/her), Affiliated Minister  
Patrick Cooleybeck (he/him), 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

Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes ..... *Traditional*

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

And eyes and ears and mouth and nose

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

### OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Erica Rose Long

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

**\*HYMN**

Sing ..... *Joseph G. Raposo (1937–1989)*  
from *Sesame Street*

Sing, sing a song  
Sing out loud  
Sing out strong  
Sing of good things not bad  
Sing of happy not sad

Sing, sing a song  
Make it simple to last  
Your whole life long  
Don't worry that it's not  
Good enough for anyone  
Else to hear  
Just sing, sing a song

Sing, sing a song  
Let the world sing along  
Sing of love there could be  
Sing for you and for me

Sing, sing a song  
Make it simple to last  
Your whole life long  
Don't worry that it's not  
Good enough for anyone  
Else to hear

Just sing, sing a song  
(Just sing, sing a song)  
Just sing, sing a song

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

**READING**

Acceptance Speech After Setting the World Record in Goosebumps (excerpt)  
*Andrea Gibson (1975-2025)*  
Rev. Erica Rose Long

**ANTHEM**

Upside Down, from *Curious George* ..... *Jack Johnson* (b. 1975)

Bek Zehr (they/them), vocals  
Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar  
Sam LaGrego (he/him), percussion

Who's to say what's impossible  
Well, they forgot this world keeps spinning  
And with each new day  
I can feel a change in everything  
And as the surface breaks, reflections fade  
But in some ways, they remain the same

And as my mind begins to spread its wings  
There's no stopping curiosity

I want to turn the whole thing upside down  
I'll find the things they say just can't be found  
I'll share this love I find with everyone  
We'll sing and dance to Mother Nature's songs  
I don't want this feeling to go away

Who's to say I can't do everything?  
Well, I can try  
And as I roll along, I begin to find  
Things aren't always just what they seem

I want to turn the whole thing upside down  
I'll find the things they say just can't be found  
I'll share this love I find with everyone  
We'll sing and dance to Mother Nature's songs  
This world keeps spinning and there's no time to waste  
Well, it all keeps spinning, spinning 'round and 'round and

Upside down  
Who's to say what's impossible and can't be found?  
I don't want this feeling to go away  
Is this how it's supposed to be?

**SERMON**

Delight ..... Rev. Erica Rose Long

**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. 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.

פורום משפחות שכולות  
ישראלי-פלסטיני בעד שלום  
ISRAELI PALESTINIAN  
BEREAVED FAMILIES FOR PEACE  
منتدى عائلات تكلي فلسطيني  
إسرائيلي من أجل السلام



This month's Share the Plate partner is American Friends of the Parents Circle – Families Forum shares the human side of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with the American public in order to foster a peace and reconciliation process. The Parents Circle – Families Forum is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization made up of more than 700 bereaved families. Their common bond is that they

have lost a close family member to the conflict. Instead of choosing revenge, they have chosen a path of reconciliation. Learn more at <https://parentscirclefriends.org>

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 Million Dreams ..... *Benj Pasek (b. 1985) & Justin Paul (b. 1985)*  
from *The Greatest Showman* ..... arrangement: *Mac Huff (b. 1955)*

I close my eyes and I can see  
The world that's waiting up for me  
That I call my own  
Through the dark, through the door  
Through where no one's been before  
But it feels like home

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy  
They can say, they can say I've lost my mind  
I don't care, I don't care, so call me crazy  
We can live in a world that we design

**Chorus**

'Cause every night I lie in bed  
The brightest colors fill my head  
A million dreams are keeping me awake  
I think of what the world could be  
A vision of the one I see  
A million dreams is all it's gonna take  
A million dreams for the world we're gonna make

There's a house we can build  
Every room inside is filled  
With things from far away  
The special things I compile  
Each one there to make you smile  
On a rainy day

They can say, they can say it all sounds crazy  
They can say, they can say we've lost our minds  
I don't care, I don't care if they call us crazy  
Runaway to a world that we design

**Chorus**

However big, however small  
Let me be part of it all  
Share your dreams with me  
You may be right, you may be wrong  
But say that you'll bring me along  
To the world you see  
To the world I close my eyes to see

**Chorus**

**\*HYMN**

Somewhere Over the Rainbow ..... text: *E.Y. Harburg* (1896–1981)  
music: *Harold Arlen* (1905–1986)  
What a Wonderful World ..... *Bob Thiele* (1922–1996)  
and *George David Weiss* (1921–2010)  
mashup: *Israel Kamakawiwo'ole* (1959–1997)

Mark David Buckles (he/him), guitar and vocals

Somewhere over the rainbow way up high  
And the dreams that you dreamed of once in a lullaby  
Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly  
And the dreams that you dreamed of, why, oh why can't I

Someday I'll wish upon a star, wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
Where my trouble melts like lemon drops  
High above the chimney tops that's where you'll find me, oh

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly  
And the dreams that you dreamed of, why, oh why can't I, ah

Well I see trees of green and red roses too,  
I'll watch them bloom for me and you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

Well I see skies of blue and I see clouds of white  
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow  
So pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces of people passing by  
I see friends shaking hands  
Saying, "How do you do?"  
They're really saying, I love you

I hear babies cry and I watch them grow,  
They'll learn much more, Than we'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

Someday I'll wish upon a star,  
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
Where my trouble melts like lemon drops  
High above the chimney tops that's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly  
And the dreams that you dreamed of, dreams really do come true

**\*BENEDICTION & EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**\*RECESSIONAL**

This Little Light of Mine ..... *Traditional American Gospel Song*  
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

**POSTLUDE**

Scenes from Childhood (Kinderszenen), Op. 15 ..... *Robert Schumann* (1810–1856)  
II. Kuriose Geschichte (A Curious Story)


Seonghyun Lee, 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, JANUARY 4**

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

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

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY, 8**

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)

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

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

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

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

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

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