



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

PRELUDE

Gymnopédie No. 1 *Erik Satie* (1866–1925)

Méditation de Thaïs *Jules Massenet* (1842–1912)

Hyunju Jung (she/her), piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Jason McLin (he/him), Guest Preacher
Rev. Ali Jablonsky (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

Somewhere text: *Stephen Sondheim* (1930–2021)

from *West Side Story* music: *Leonard Bernstein* (1918–1990)

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

There's a place for us
Somewhere a place for us
Peace and quiet and open air
Wait for us somewhere

There's a time for us
Some day a time for us
Time together with time spare
Time to learn, time to care

Some day
Somewhere
We'll find a new way of living
We'll find a way of forgiving
Somewhere...

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

There's a place for us
A time and place for us
Hold my hand and we're halfway there
Hold my hand and I'll take you there

Somehow
Some day
Somewhere!

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Jason McLin

*HYMN 126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing text: *Rev. Robert Robinson (1735–1790)*
& Rev. Eugene B. Navias (1928–2014)
music: *John Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music (1813)*

Come, thou fount of every blessing
Tune our ears to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
While the hope of life's perfection
Fills our hearts with joy and love
Teach us ever to be faithful
May we still thy goodness prove

Come, thou fount of every vision
Lift our eyes to what may come
See the lion and the lambkin
Dwell together in thy home
Hear the cries of war fall silent
Feel our love glow like the sun
When we all serve one another
Then our heaven is begun

Come, thou fount of inspiration
Turn our lives to higher ways
Lift our gloom and desperation
Show the promise of this day
Help us bind ourselves in union
Help our hands tell of our love
With thine aid, O fount of justice
Earth be fair as heaven above

READING

The Book of Genesis *Kei Miller* (b. 1978)

ANTHEM

No One Is Alone text & music: *Stephen Sondheim* (1930–2021)
from *Into the Woods*

Hannah Shanefield (she/her), soprano

No one here to guide you
Now you're on your own
Only me beside you
Still you're not alone
No one is alone, truly
No one is alone

Sometimes people leave you
Halfway through the wood
Others may deceive you
You decide what's good
You decide alone
But no one is alone

People make mistakes
Fathers, mothers
People make mistakes
Holding to their own
Thinking they're alone
Honor their mistakes
Everybody makes
One another's terrible mistakes
Witches can be right
Giants can be good
You decide what's right
You decide what's good

Just remember
Someone is on your side
Someone else is not
While you're seeing your side
Maybe you forgot
They are not alone
No one is alone

Hard to see the light now
Just don't let it go
Things will turn out right now
We can make it so
Someone is on your side
No one is alone

SERMON

Jazz Hands Jason McLin

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

There is a Love text: *Rev. Rebecca Parker* (b. 1953)
music: *Elizabeth Norton* (b. 1959)

There is a love holding us
There is a love holding all that we love
There is a love holding all
We rest in this love

*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.

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.

כבודם משפחות שכולות
ישראל-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>

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Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Happy Birthday *Stevie Wonder* (b. 1950)
Joe Della Penna (he/him), Jazz Artist in Residence, piano and vocals

~in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.~

You know it doesn't make much sense
There ought to be a law against
Anyone who takes offense
At a day in your celebration
'Cause we all know in our minds
That there ought to be a time
That we can set aside
To show just how much we love you
And I'm sure you would agree
It couldn't fit more perfectly
Than to have a world party on the day you came to be

Chorus

Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday to you
Happy birthday

I just never understood
How a man who died for good
Could not have a day that would
Be set aside for his recognition
Because it should never be
Just because some cannot see
The dream as clear as he
That they should make it become an illusion
And we all know everything
That he stood for time will bring
For in peace our hearts will sing
Thanks to Martin Luther King

Chorus

Why has there never been a holiday
Where peace is celebrated
All throughout the world

The time is overdue
For people like me and you
Who know the way to truth
Is love and unity to all G-d's children
It should be a great event
And the whole day should be spent
In full remembrance
Of those who lived and died for the oneness of all people
So let us all begin
We know that love can win
Let it out, don't hold it in
Sing it loud as you can

Chorus

We know the key to unity of all people
Is in the dream that you had so long ago
That lives in all of the hearts of people
That believe in unity
We'll make the dream become a reality
I know we will
Because our hearts tell us so

***HYMN**

You'll Never Walk Alone text: *Oscar Hammerstein II* (1895–1960)
from *Carousel* music: *Richard Rodgers* (1902–1979)

When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark
At the end of the storm
Is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown
Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone
You'll never walk alone

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


Chopsticks *Euphemia Allen* (1861–1949), arrangement: *Kwang-Min Kim* (b. 1960)
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**

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



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 (*MLK DAY - Church Office Will be Closed*)

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY, 22

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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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

12:00 pm ~ Congregational Meeting (Chapel Parish Hall, & Zoom)

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

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