



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

PRELUDE

English Suite No. 6, BWV 811.

Prelude & Allemande..... *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)

Ziang Xu, piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. John O'Connor (he/him) and
Darrell Waters (he/him) Worship Coordinator

INTROIT

This Old World..... *Traditional American*

Eve Lauria (she/her), soprano

This old world is full of sorrow, full of sickness, weak and sore;
If you love your neighbor truly, love will come to you the more.

This old world can be a garden, full of fragrance, full of grace;
If we love our neighbors truly, we must meet them face to face.

It is said now, "Love thy neighbor," and we know well that is true;
This, the sum of human labor, true for me as well for you.

OPENING WORDSRev. John O'Connor

CHALICE LIGHTINGRev. John O'Connor and Rev. Ali Jablonsky (she/her)

WE NEED ONE ANOTHER *George E. Odell*

Rev. John O'Connor and Rev. Ali Jablonsky

Rev. John: We need one another when we would be comforted.

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

Rev. Ali: We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid.

Rev. John: We need one another when we are in despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves again.

Rev. Ali: We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone.

Rev. John: We need one another in the hour of success, when we look for someone to share our triumphs.

Rev. Ali: We need one another in the hour of defeat, when with encouragement we might endure, and stand again.

Rev. John: We need one another when we come to die, and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey.

All Together: All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us.

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

***HYMN 354**

We Laugh, We Cry..... *Shelley Jackson Denham (1950-2013)*

We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
And we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive.
And we believe that sharing is an answer.

A child is born among us and we feel a special glow.
We feel time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow.
We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild.
We dedicate our minds and hearts to the spirit of this child.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
And we have found a time to be together.
And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth,
And we believe that growing is an answer.

We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.

And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
And we have found a joy, being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see;
Even to question truly is an answer.

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

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at tinyurl.com/ASCCandle.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

To reach a member of the Pastoral Care team, please email Care@ASCBoston.org.

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.

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us.....*Sally Rogers*

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way.
On the road from greed to giving, love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak before thousands
You can give from deep within you; you can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way.
On the road from greed to giving, love will guide us through the hard night.

READING

"Hope is the thing with feathers" *Emily Dickinson*
Rev. Ali Jablonsky
"Hope Is Not a Bird, Emily" (adapted) *Caitlin Seida*
Rev. John O'Connor

SERMON

Picking Up The Pieces..... Rev. John O'Connor

ANTHEM

You'll Never Walk Alone.....Music: *Richard Rodgers* (1902-1979)
From *Carousel* Text: *Oscar Hammerstein II* (1895-1960)
Eve Lauria (she/her), soprano

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,
Though your dreams be tossed and blown;
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone.

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.



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OFFERTORY

Hold On music: *Lucy Simon* (1940–2022)
from *The Secret Garden* text: *Marsha Norman* (b. 1947)
arrangement: *Michael Kosarin*

Eve Lauria (she/her), soprano

What you've got to do is finish what you have begun.
I don't know just how, but it's not over 'til you've won.

When you see the storm is coming, see the lightning part the skies,
It's too late to run, there's terror in your eyes,
What you do then is remember this old thing you've heard me say:
It's the storm, not you, that's bound to blow away.

Hold on, hold on to someone standing by,
Hold on, don't even ask how long or why,
Child, hold on to what you know is true,
Hold on 'til you get through, child oh child, hold on.

When you feel your heart is pounding, fear a devil's at your door;
There's no place to hide, you're frozen to the floor,
What you do then, is you force yourself to wake up and you say:
It's this dream, not me, that's bound to go away.

Hold on, hold on, the night will soon be by.
Hold on, and think of something else to try.
Child, hold on, there's angels on their way.
Hold on and hear them say, child oh child

And it doesn't even matter if the danger and the doom
Come from up above, or down below,
Or just come flying at you from across the room.
When you see a man who's raging and he's jealous and he fears
That you've walked through walls he's hid behind for years,
What you do then is you tell yourself to wait it out.
You say: It's this day, not me that's bound to go away.

Child, hold on; it's this day not you that's bound to go away.

*HYMN 108

My Life Flows On in Endless Song.....*Early Quaker song*

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

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

English Suite No. 6, BWV 811.

Gigue..... *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)
Ziang Xu, 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.*



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This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

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

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

MONDAY, JUNE 30

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

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

Prompt: What's a lesson you learned early in life that continues to serve you well?

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JULY 3

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes (Zoom)

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 6

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

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

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



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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.

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