

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 2023



Brandenburg Gate ~ Berlin, Germany



The Eiffel Tower ~ Paris, France



The White House ~ Washington, D.C.



The Empire State Building ~ New York, NY

Dearly Beloved,

This Sunday morning's chalice lighting will be dedicated to peace in Israel and Gaza. It is critical to understand Hamas' attack on Israel last Saturday night against the background of thousands of years of the persecution of Jews around the world. On November 9th, 1938, Nazis initiated a campaign to annihilate the Jewish people. Jewish businesses were looted and destroyed; 267 synagogues were desecrated; 30,000 Jews were rounded-up to be sent to death camps; and an estimated 91 Jews were killed. This was *Kristallnacht*, the Night of Broken Glass, named after the shattered glass that littered the streets. This was the beginning of the Holocaust. Last Saturday, more than twelve times that number of Jews was murdered.

This is what is not nuanced about Hamas' attack on Israel and Israel's retaliation:

The murder of innocents is never acceptable.

War crimes are never acceptable.

What has happened — is happening — is horrifying and devastating.

Kem's colleague, our friend Lisa Nussbaum, sent this prayer by Rabbi Rachel Barenblat:

To our friends and family
From the windswept Golan
To the sands of the Arava:
We hold you in our hearts
We hold your children in our hearts
Our fate is bound up with yours.

And to the parents and children
From Ramallah to Gaza City
Who do not wish for war:
We love this land with you
We pray for better with you
And we yearn for peace with you.

Hannah Shanefield (soprano) and Andrew Slack (bass) will sing *Oseh Shalom: Let there be peace.*

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Bek Zehr (mezzo soprano) will lead us all in singing the American folk hymn,
What Wondrous Love:

What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this that brings my heart such bliss
And takes away the pain of my soul

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down
When I was singing down, beneath my sorrows ground,
Friends to me gathered round, O my soul

To love and to all friends I will sing, I will sing
To love and to all friends who pain and sorrow mend
With thanks unto the end I will sing

The Arlington Street Church Choir sings Guillaume Du Fay's 15th century setting of the *Agnus Dei* ([listen here!](#)). My sermon is called *Ending Loneliness*. Our closing hymn is Rev. Kendyl Gibbons and Rev. Jason Shelton's *Life Calls Us On:*

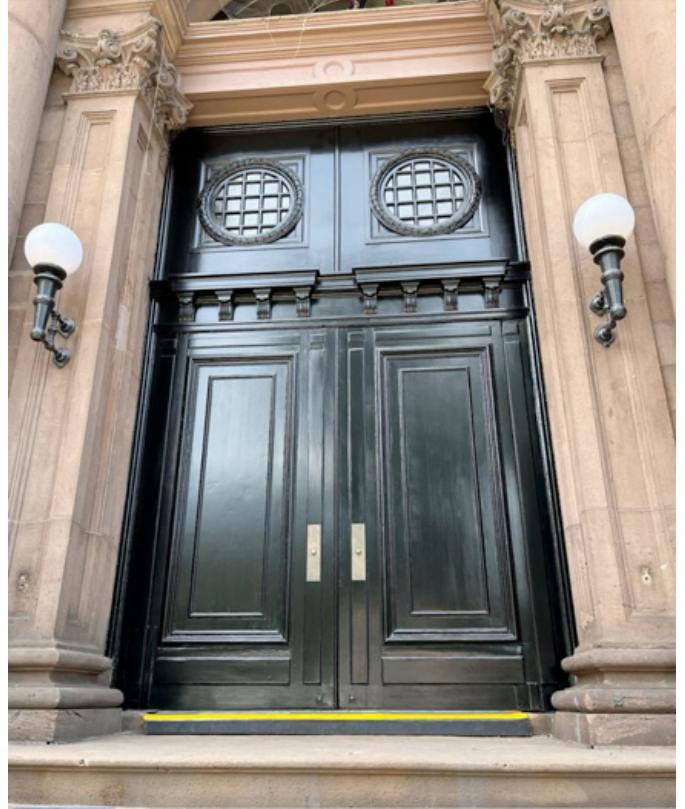
We have shared a radiant hour
When the truth has made us free
And the spirit's gracious power
Dreamed of good that yet shall be
Bright the path before us lies
Joyful pilgrims now we rise
Life calls us on! Life calls us on!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

In a single day last month, Matt & Jon Andersen-Miller each received prestigious awards: Docomomo, an organization dedicated to the conservation of buildings from the modern movement, awarded Matt the Design Award of Excellence for the restoration of Schwann House and Studio in Lincoln, Massachusetts. Jon was selected as the recipient of Boston Architectural College's 2023 Distinguished Alumni in Interior Architecture award recipient. *Congratulations to Matt & Jon!*



Schwann House (Matt)



Arlington Street Church (Jon)!