

FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2023



Our restoration team is up on the west side scaffolding! Detail: the eaves above the Froth and the Clarke room

Photo credit: Jon Andersen-Miller, Chair, Restoration Committee

Dearly beloved,

Before this Sunday, there was last Sunday: Easter! In one word, the music was exalted! So many thanks to our choir and Joe Della Penna, to our soloists and the orchestra, and to Director of Music Mark David Buckles for his inspired leadership. *Alleluia!*

The beloved Boston Marathon is this coming Monday, April 17th. In 2013, Arlington Street played a heart-centered role in the aftermath of the bombing. This past week, in recognition of this tenth anniversary, *The Boston Globe* did a [video interview](#) that included Rev. Catie Scudera, our intern minister who was subsequently called to serve our congregation in Needham, Massachusetts, and me about the vigil held in our sanctuary (and continued in the Public Garden, where we surrounded the lagoon with candlelight) and the prayer flag memorial that was created along our fence. As the service opens this Sunday, we'll kindle the chalice, symbol of our free faith, and lift up the lives that were lost in that tragedy and all those whose lives were changed forever. Following the chalice lighting, Andrew Stack (baritone) and Hyunju Jung (piano) will bring us *You'll Never Walk Alone* (from Rogers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*). Let us hold in our prayers and in our hearts all those for whom these days reawaken the terror.

And then, together, we will make a blessing on all those who will be running on Monday — our annual Blessing of the Runners. Andrew will also sing Hugo Wolf's *Der Genesene an die Hoffnung*. Speaking to Hope personified, the singer says,

Oh forgive, most true one!
Step forth from your twilight
That I, just once, might gaze
From my very heart
At your eternally new and moonbright face,
Like a child and without sorrow;
Ah, just once, without pain,
Enfold me in your arms!

Art Nava, our visionary Tech Team lead, is up to making yet more magic: This Sunday, Marie O'Brien, the newest member of Arlington Street's Worship team, will be serving as the worship coordinator ... Zooming in from Chicago! Marie's Hollywood Square will be projected on a screen behind the Gleason podium. So many thanks to Art and to Marie! My sermon is called *The Practice of Possibility*. For the closing hymn, there's a wonderful surprise in store!

Two more things:

First, if you haven't done it already, please [get your tickets to Nuns'n'Fun!](https://nunsfun.eventbrite.com) On Saturday, April 29th, at 7:00, Sister Lida Christ and her sister Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (yes, hilarious men in serious nun drag) will appear in the Arlington Street Zoom room to host an evening of bingo games, raffles, and both serious and un-serious entertainment. Registration for this heaven-sent fundraiser for Arlington Street and our work in the world is at <https://nunsfun.eventbrite.com>, where you can buy your bingo cards and raffle tickets. If you're happy to have those emailed to you, the registration cutoff is April 29th at 5:00 p.m. If you're going to need paper copies snail-mailed to you, please register ASAP; the deadline is April 25th at noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to spend an evening together in the Zoom room! And, as you heard last Sunday from Sarah & Audrea Madey (and their exquisite children, Addie and Zef), the prizes are awesome: a GoPro Black Hero 7, three game night board game packs (combinations of Wordle, Scrabble, Cranium, and Clue Escape), gift cards, and lots and lots of lemon squares and brownies, baked just for you in the parsonage. Start here: <https://nunsfun.eventbrite.com> and let's get the party started!

And second, we have a generous offer from our own Greg Hyde. This past June, Greg bought a house in Brattleboro, Vermont (two hours north of Boston), has been working hard (and happily!) to renovate it. He's donating two long weekends (as many as four days each) in his house as a fundraiser for Arlington Street! You can come alone or with family or friends (Greg says, "a small group"); there are two bedrooms (a third will be finished this summer) and one bath; the kitchen is "70's, but fine," with a good sink and plenty of dishes, pots, and pans; and there's a wood-burning stove. You can come at any time of year. Greg writes, "Fall is beautiful — many good hiking trails. In the winter, Mt. Snow and Prospect Mt. are both about 35 minutes away for downhill and cross-country skiing, respectively. Summer offers many places to get out into nature and into a stream or pond!"

Greg describes it as rustic and, as you can see from the photos (scroll all the way down), it's cozy! **The bidding starts now;** please email Arlington Street at gmail dot com (all squished together!), write VERMONT in the subject line, and say what you'd be willing to donate for one (or bid for both!). Bidding ends on Friday, April 28th, at noon. *Thank you, Greg!*

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. A reminder that this Sunday afternoon at 6:00 p.m., our own Jenny Hoefler leads the next installment of the Great Arlington Street Baking Show! Jenny will be teaching us how to make vegan gnocchi and pesto with spinach and tomato! For more information and the ingredient list, please go to ASCBoston.org. I'll meet you in [our Zoom room!](#)

p.p.s. Save the date! Following the service on Sunday, April 30th, there are three special gatherings:

At 12:30, the Transformation Team for Racial Justice will be holding a hybrid drop-in meeting. The Transformation Team is writing an application for Arlington Street to participate in a program focused on making institutional, systemic anti-racist change for people seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice. They'd love your input! Please take [this short survey!](#)

Also at 12:30 (or as soon as the service ends) Gaby & George Whitehouse will be hosting another in-person brunch at Precinct kitchen.

And at 2:00, the Yale Russian Chorus (conducted by my old friend and Good Trouble-maker, Alex Kuzma — a Ukrainian) will be in concert at Arlington Street. More details to follow!



Send an email (subject line VERMONT) to Arlington Street at gmail dot com and make your bid! Photo credit: Greg Hyde