

FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2024



Michaela Coel arrives at Arlington Street's Sparkle & Shine gala

Dearly beloved,

Tomorrow night, Saturday, May 4th, it's time to Sparkle & Shine! I've raided Kem's closet (only one of us goes in for glittery); we're very excited to eat and drink, bid, and dance! After months of weekly, late-night planning sessions and untold hours pulling it all together in time stolen from sleep, the Spring Gala Planning Team is ready for you! The party is in-person — enter the Great Doors at 20 Arlington Street and get ready for delicious food, signature cocktails and mocktails, jazz, fabulous auction items, and dancing with a live DJ!

And then, on Sunday morning, collaborative pianist Yulia Yun opens the service with Robert Schumann's *Scenes from Childhood*. The Arlington Street Choir sings Heather Houston's *Re-Wild My Soul* and Dan Forrest's *The Music of Living*. We'll all sing *Woyaya* ("We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within; and we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will") and Humbird's *On the Day We Are Together Again*. My sermon is called *The Spiritual Practice of Uncertainty*. Accompanied by Yulia on piano and Director of Music Mark David Buckles on cajón, Soprano Natalia St Jean and mezzo soprano Bek Zehr will sing *Here Comes a*

*Thought* (from *Steven Universe*). To close, we'll all sing Paul McCartney's *Let It Be ...* and for the postlude, Yulia will play it on organ!

Let's be together all weekend!

*Faithfully yours, with love,  
Kim*

Coming up next week:

At 12:30 on Wednesday, May 8th, Rev. Kim and Professor Alan Helms host the final gathering of The Wednesdays Literary Salon. Professor Helms is indisputably the greatest living Whitman scholar; we'll be discussing Walt Whitman's [Song of Myself, sections 1-14](#). Read ahead and come bear witness to a scholarly tour de force!

At 6:00 on Wednesday, May 8th, the Membership Team hosts the final New Member class before our summer hiatus. *All interested newcomers are welcome!*

As always, please visit [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org) for details and Zoom room links.

And to get this on your radar:

At noon on Friday, May 17th, we'll be celebrating the 20th anniversary of marriage equality in the Commonwealth! The event is co-sponsored by GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders); among the honored guests will be our beloved David Wilson & Rob Compton (now retired and living in Provincetown), the very first couple to be legally married in a church in the country (yes, Arlington Street)! Thanks to Art Nava and the Tech Team, the event will be hybrid. Please pre-register [here](#) (scroll down). *All are welcome!*

