



SATURDAY, MAY 7TH, 2022



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Dear Ones,

Here at Arlington Street, I conducted the memorial service for Shannon Lowney and Leanne Nichols, who were murdered in Brookline on December 30th, 1994 in facilities that provided abortions. In the years that followed, I served on three different boards of directors of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts. In that work, we were always profoundly aware there might come a time that we would have a special role in providing access to abortions for those coming here from conservative states. But those conversations always felt dystopian to me; while forces of misogyny, racism, and colonialism have always tried to exert control over the bodies of those capable of giving birth, I imagined that, while under constant assault, the legal precedent of 1973's Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision would ultimately prevail.

This week's news about the latest threat to access to legal abortion is outrageous, enraging, and heartbreaking. We know that the most damaging impact of overturning Roe will be borne by people of color, poor and working class people, and young people. Our faith tradition calls us to advocate fiercely for the autonomy and self-determination of every body and, specifically, to safe, comprehensive reproductive and sexual healthcare for all people. Unitarian Universalist Association President Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray said, "We will not rest until that reality is true across the country."

Tomorrow morning, to honor mothers and mothering, the Arlington Street Church Choir brings us two versions of the *Ave Maria*; and Director of Music Mark David Buckles (piano), Julie Metcalf (violin), and Bek Zehr (mezzo soprano) will sing Ryan O'Neal's (Sleeping at Last) *Hope*.

This is our moment
We are sacred, we are strong
This is our moment
We are beautiful, we belong
This is our moment
We are worthy, we are true
This is our moment
There are no borders from this view
Please help us raise our flag
There is hope in our eyes
When we truly see each other

My sermon is called *Non-Judgment Day is Near*.

Happy Mothers Day!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. Next Saturday night, May 14th, the Friday Night Supper Program is hosting a trivia night at the church! They're in need of a few more volunteers. Please reach out to Jenny Lecoq, Development Director, at giving@fridaynightsupper.org to help out! Here are the details:

Afternoon shifts:

Time: Saturday, May 14, 1-5pm
Food prep, buffet and bar set-up
Decorate the Parish Hall; set up the tables and silent auction
Some heavy lifting will be required to set up tables.

Evening shifts:

Dress requirements: Please dress neatly in black pants, a solid colored shirt, and closed toe shoes. You will be given a black Friday Night Supper Program apron to wear as well. The event runs from 5:30-9:00pm.

Time: Saturday, May 14, 4:45-9:00 pm

Greeters/Hosts; will greet and direct guests outside the church or inside the building; assist guests with finding their tables, etc; help with silent auction area and/or registration table as needed

Time: Saturday, May 14, 5:00-10:00 pm

Buffet servers/ table bussers/event break-down clean-up

*The service begins when the service ends!
Thank you!*

"I left the bomb shelter and saw a car with keys in the ignition near the store. I watched it for two hours, waited for the owner - I didn't wait. I took my family, got in the car and drove to Vinnitsa to visit relatives. I found a phone number in the glove compartment and called the owner:

- Sorry, I stole your car. Saved my family.

- **Thank God, don't worry, I have 4 cars. I took my family out in my jeep. The rest of the cars I filled with fuel and left in different places with the keys in the ignition and the number in the glove compartment. I received calls back from all cars. There will be peace - see you. Take care of yourself!"**

*There is kindness in the world!
Ukrainians are heroes!*

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