



FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2021



Dear Ones,

As I write, there is good news: a COVID-19 update comes across my screen saying that for the second week in a row, there are no high-risk or medium-risk communities in Massachusetts. The pandemic isn't over, yet — and it's far, far from over in some parts of the world — but it's trending in the right direction. What we have lost and what we have found during these long pandemic months is very much on my mind. I invite you to join me in that reflection; I'd love to hear from you!

This Sunday morning, all our musicians will be on deck! Yulia Yun opens the service on piano with *Courage* (Sword Art Online II), *Courage to Change* (Music), *Rise Up*, and *Make Them Hear You* (Ragtime) and closes it on organ with *Reach Out and Touch* (*Somebody's Hand*). In between, Daniel Rosensweig sings *Courage*; Rev. Beth shares a reading from Audre Lorde, honoring 51 years of Boston Pride; Tevan Goldberg sings *Orpheus with his Lute*; Ann-Marie Iacoviello sings *Fight Song*; Hana and Kazuhiro Omori sing *Smile*; and Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Julie Metcalf sing *Blessed Unrest* and *With My Own Two Hands*. My sermon is called *Bending the Arc Toward Justice*. To close, the Arlington Street Church Choir — with a huge assist from Mark David and Tech Team lead Art Nava — brings down the house with *An Irish Blessing*.

Following the service, Rev. Beth, Mark David, and I head off for summer vacation and sabbatical time. Art and our Tech Team, John O'Connor and our Worship Team, and our musicians are producing a beautiful series of summer services. Here's the all-star speaker line-up:

6/20 ~ John O'Connor

6/27 ~ Rev. Erica Rose Long

7/4 ~ Patrice Keegan

7/11 ~ Rev. Joanna Lubkin

7/18 ~ Harlow Robinson

7/25 ~ Trisha Zembruski

8/1 ~ Ali Jablonsky

8/8 ~ Valentina Danielle Rosa

8/15 ~ Rev. Fred Small

8/22 ~ Al Ingram

8/29 ~ Melissa Dlugolecki

9/5 ~ Art Nava

All in to the Zoom Room on Sunday mornings at 11:00!

And speaking of Zoom.... Last Sunday, we experienced several technical glitches during the morning service. Then I managed to shut down the entire Zoom room just as the postlude was beginning (I still have no idea how. I'm so sorry!). But you all hung in there, patient and kind, came right back (we were 70 members for our excellent annual meeting!), *and* stayed for virtual coffee hour (during which the breakout rooms reconfigured themselves and randomly reassigned people; one Tech Team member described it as being on a dizzying amusement park ride). I just want to tell you, in case I haven't made this perfectly clear, I'm so, so proud — and so deeply moved — by the ways our beloved community keeps showing up with so much spaciousness and love. You. Are. Awesome. I am so grateful. And I love you so much!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

