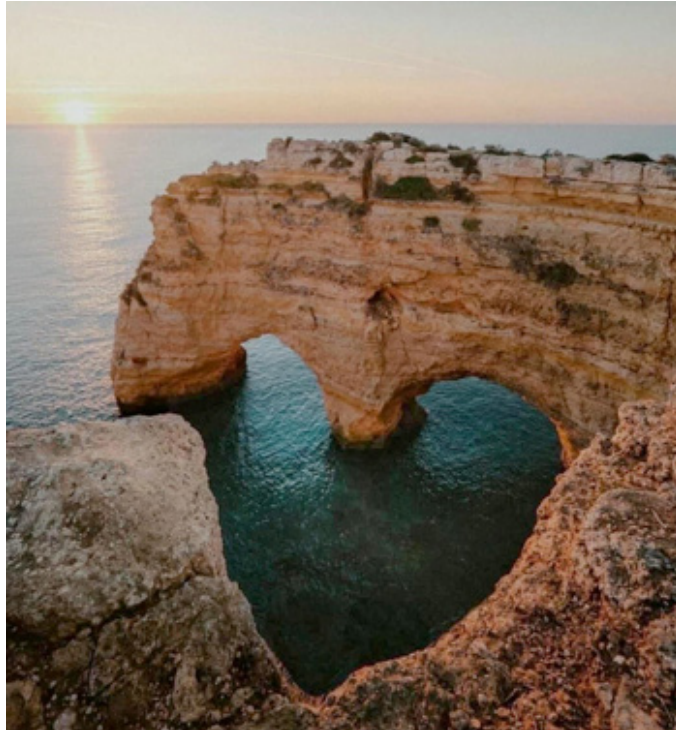




THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023



Dearly Beloved,

What a lovefest of an Ingathering Sunday! Our Gifts of the Spirit ritual was just gorgeous — and deeply moving. Enjoy this transcription of our responses (see way below; if you're moved to creativity, please make a word cloud and we'll run it in next week's Snapshot!). And now, *let's bring forth our gifts!* Happy New Church Year!

This Sunday, we welcome the Jewish New Year, *Rosh Hasahanah!* In celebration, our choir will sing a sixteenth century *barechu* (traditional call to prayer) and *Enosh*, Louis Lewandowski's setting of Psalm 103:15-17:

... from everlasting to everlasting
G*d's love is with all who love
and G*d's righteousness is with their children's children.

To one and all, Shanah Tovah — a good year!

Rev. Ali Jablonsky's sermon is called "Ambiguous Losses." Rev. Ali writes, "Ambiguous losses are those where there is a lack of information, closure, and resolution. Ambiguous losses are all around and within us, and yet our culture does not know how to acknowledge or tend to them. We will look at how to care for ourselves and for each other when our losses are ambiguous." Bek Zehr (mezzo soprano) sings Pink and Billy Mann's *Glitter in the Air*:

Have you ever wished for an endless night
Lassoed the moon and the stars and pulled that rope tight
Have you ever held your breath and asked yourself
Will it ever get better than tonight?

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. Don't miss the next installment of The Great Arlington Street Baking Show! This Sunday evening at 5:00 (Boston time) in the [Arlington Street Zoom room](#), it's Vegan Cooking with Jenny! Learn to make apple-quinoa salad with cashew "feta." The ingredients list is at [ASCBoston.org](#); Jenny will walk us through all the steps. *Aprons, everyone!*

Gifts of the Spirit We're Bringing to this New Year

welcoming, welcoming spirit, inclusion, creativity, curiosity (x3), empathic intuition, empathy (x3), persistence, hope (x5), courage, generosity of spirit, humor (x5), stories, service (x2), open mind, open heartedness (x3), sustaining, creativity (x2), presence, \$\$\$, generosity (x3), awareness, availability to listen, perseverance (x2), more forgiveness (x2), joy (x3), happiness, loyalty (x3), a commitment to the ASC AMONG team, anti-racism, commitment to racial justice, creativity, humor, surreptitiously sly humor, friendship (x3), kindness (x8), mett (lovingkindness meditation), support for our ministers, commitment to the environment and to helping animals, renewed awe of nature, peace (x2), consideration for others (to help others, listen to others), healing, determination, Kundalini yoga, cultural perspective, gratitude, humbleness, aspiration for fairness, organizing skills, enthusiasm (x3), loving support, truth, energy and enthusiasm for community and service, Umuganda (selfless service~x4), faith, dedication, devotion (x2), ubuntu ("humanity to others"), "globality," care, caring, memory, non-anxious presence, willingness to risk, optimism (x2), connection (x2), wholeness, light, artful passion, passion, Connections group, wit, vitality, prosperity, writing, hugs, smiles, laughter listening (x2), non-judgment, caring, kisses from Charlie Bacon (caring canine!), compassion (x4), community, understanding, calm, gratitude (x4), gratefulness (every day and in every way! so fortunate!), a sense of peace from pausing before reacting, time (x2), accepting, resilience (x2), jokes, celebrations, theatrical arts, acceptance, awe, support (x2), cheer and help for those who are anxious and/or depressed, work on the bells in our steeple, music (x2), tones and rhythms, beautiful songs, singing (x2), enthusiastic singing (and high notes!), softness, "soft heart," love (x12), deep love, more love, love always



2023

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendars for this year's holidays

Rosh Hashanah: September 15-17

Yom Kippur: September 24 & 25

First Night of Sukkot: September 29

Sukkot Ends: October 6

Shmini Atzeret: October 7

Sinchat Torah: October 8