

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2024



Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason begins walking *El Camino de Santiago* at the 0.000 km marker in Muxía, Spain



Rev. Kelly, midway through walking the Portuguese route of the Camino — *El Camino Portugues*

Dearly Beloved,

This Sunday, Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason is in the pulpit; Worship Team member Lucy Humphrey is at the Gleason podium.

In addition to being our Community Minister for Spiritual Direction, Rev. Kelly works as a trainer and mentor of apprentice spiritual directors in the Phoenix Center for Spiritual Direction Apprenticeship Program. She is also a book reviewer for *Presence*, the quarterly journal of Spiritual Directors International. Since 2022, she has co-chaired the Spirituality & Flourishing Interest Group in the Flourishing Network at the Harvard University Human Flourishing Program.

Rev. Kelly's sermon is called *Funny About Forgiveness*. Paster and poet Eugene Peterson wrote, "Everybody knows about Jonah. People who have never read the Bible know enough about Jonah to laugh at a joke about him and the whale."

Rev. Kelly asks, “Only, what if the joke of Jonah is on us? Forgiveness can be a fraught and funny business, both at once. Comedy might be part of how we get closer to the heart of the matter.”

Tenor Sam LaGrego and collaborative pianist Hyunju Jung will bring us Mariusz Duda’s *The Fountain* and Gwyneth Walker’s *Every Night When the Sun Goes Down*, and lead us in singing *Break Not the Circle*.

Break not the circle of abiding love
Where people grow, forgiven and forgiving;
Break not that circle, make it wider still,
'Til it includes, embraces all the living.

Join then the movement of the love that frees,
'Til people of whatever race or nation
Will truly be themselves, stand on their feet,
See eye to eye in grateful liberation.

Come, wonder at this love that comes to life,
Where words of freedom are with humor spoken,
And people keep no score of wrong and guilt,
But will that human bonds remain unbroken.

... and the Mett (lovingkindness) phrases

May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May you be filled with loving kindness. May you be well.
May you be peaceful, and at ease. May you be whole.

May we be filled with loving kindness. May we be well.
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*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

On Sunday evening at 5:00 in the Arlington Street Zoom room, join our own Jenny Hoefler for Vegan Cooking with Jenny — the next installment of the Great Arlington Street Baking Show! This month it’s Jambalaya, a Creole-inspired recipe to honor the legacy of the Civil Rights movement and all those working “to form a more perfect union.” If you’d like to “cook along with Jenny” and buy the ingredients ahead, go to ASCBoston.org. All are welcome!



Rev. Kelly completes *El Camino* in Santiago, Spain. Santiago de Compostela Cathedral is her backdrop!

