

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023



This past Wednesday evening, our own Jon Andersen-Miller was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for Interior Design from Boston Architectural College. His work as chair of our Restoration Committee was highlighted and his prodigious spirit of volunteerism was honored. Jon, we are so proud of you!

This Runner Started Clocking Miles After He Got Sober, and He Just Finished His 20th Marathon

He credits the joy he experiences, the supportive community, and setting manageable goals for getting him to each finish line.

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Each year on Boston Marathon Sunday, we take a moment in the service for a Blessing of the Runners. In 2018, one of the runners who received our blessing — and has been expressing his gratitude ever since — is Andrew MacPhail. Last Sunday, Andrew completed the New York City Marathon and was featured in *Runners World* magazine (to read the story, please [click](#))! *Congratulations, Andrew!* Special thanks to our own Connie Scanlon, who keeps in touch with Andrew.

Dearly Beloved,

Late last night, Jeanne Monaghan's entire extended family arrived in Boston from the deep south. I know it will mean the world to them for us to welcome them to Arlington Street and to our beloved spiritual community. This Sunday afternoon at 2:00, please join in memorializing Jeanne, a longtime Arlington Street member, and to celebrate her life. The service will be both in person and on Zoom (thank you, Tech Team!). *All are welcome!*

But first ...

The 11:00 service opens with a chalice lighting honoring our veterans, followed by Jazz Artist in Residence Joe Della Penna singing *Till the Clouds Roll By* (from “Oh, Boy!”). Director of Music Mark David Buckles (guitar and vocals) and Julie Metcalf (violin) will lead us in Emma’s Revolution’s *Better Days*:

Let us sing for today
Let us learn better ways
Showing love, we begin
Giving hope, we begin
We create, we begin
Better days

My sermon is called *Holiday Survival Guide*. Bek Zehr (vocals) joins Mark David and Julie in Ryan O’Neal’s *Hope* (from “Sleeping at Last”). We’ll all sing Jeannie Gagne’s *I Know I Can Go On*; The Arlington Street Church Choir will sing Carole King’s *You’ve Got a Friend*; and we’ll close the service with Bill Withers’ *Lean On Me*.

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

Two wonderful things to look forward to next Sunday, November 19th: It’s Thanksgiving Sunday, so that means especially GREAT, BIG music! And ... The in-person congregation is missing a Zoom chat equivalent. In the hope of remedying that, Queen Cheryl is preparing a simple coffee hour for after the service. More information will be coming next week! The post-service brunch at Precinct Kitchen, hosted by Gaby & George Whitehouse, will continue on the first Sunday of each month.

I like to be reminded of how precious it is to be free to gather in person again. Kem shared this video clip with me: In August of 2021, the Broadway cast of the *The Lion King* met for their first rehearsal since March of 2020. Director Julie Taymor addresses the cast; Tshidi Manye calls out those first astonishing notes; and everyone finally, finally begins to sing again. *Enjoy!*

