



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2021



A reminder: This Saturday afternoon at 2:00, we will be memorializing Dave McClain in the [Arlington Street Zoom room](#). The order of service is [here](#). Dave was a mensch. All are welcome to come remember him and celebrate his life.

Dearly Beloved,

Let's begin with a HUGE shout-out to our Tech Team's Sandy Dixon for getting Dorothy Battiste into her own little Hollywood square of Zoom to join us for Sunday's service after John's death from COVID-19 last week. Sandy purchased an iPhone for Dorothy and made many trips to Mattapan, doggedly figuring out how to make Zoom accessible to her. Dorothy was thrilled, as I know we all were! *Thank you, Sandy!*

Our own Jon Andersen-Miller, chair of the building restoration team, has created and produced a beautiful gift for each of us who donated to All Souls: A Campaign for the Preservation of Arlington Street Church. Queen Cheryl, along with Al Ingram, Philip Roberts, and Sarah Cooleybeck (all members of the Capital Campaign cabinet), will be at the Great Doors of Arlington Street Church from 1:00-3:00 on Saturday, February 20th, for a masked, distanced walk-up or drive-by surprise handout! If you're not able to come, please ask a neighboring Arlington Street member to pick up one for you. If you live out of state, no worries; USPS will bring you your surprise very soon!

This Sunday, Yulia Yun opens our service on piano with *Follow Your Arrow*, *Unwritten*, *You Gotta Be*, and *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*. Daniel Rosensweig sings *Morning Has Come*, Hana and Kazuhiro Omori sing *Life Uncommon*; and Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Julie Metcalf sing *Love Will Guide Us*, *Let the Life I Lead*, *Man in the Mirror*, and *What Must Be Done*. John O'Connor is our Worship Coordinator. My sermon is called *Doing the Right Thing*. Yulia closes the service with *Man in the Mirror* ... on organ!

After the service, at 12:30, our Transformation Team for Racial Justice is hosting an information session on Beloved Conversations, a Unitarian Universalist anti-racism curriculum on which we'll embark together this spring. All are welcome; [here](#) is the Zoom link.

As always, please go to [ASCBoston.org](https://www.ascboston.org) to find all the gatherings in the Zoom room next week!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. Some of you will remember the story of British veteran Tom Moore, who lifted our hearts when he set a goal of walking on a walker in his garden — 100 laps by his 100th birthday — to support National Health Service workers. In a live, televised event, he completed the final laps surrounded by a military honor guard, ultimately raising more than \$37 million. “I am in awe at the response my walking has had,” he said. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II, honored with a flyover of his house by the Royal Air Force, and promoted to the rank of honorary colonel. He died from COVID-19 this week. Sir Tom Moore: *¡Presente!*

p.p.s. Art Oxnard, one of our thirteen (!) new members, wrote this beautiful piece as he prepared to join Arlington Street. With his permission, I'm sharing it with you. I love to hear the stories of your spiritual journeys! Thank you, Art!

What I believe is that the universe is infinite. I've believed this since I was 14 (1962), when I first read of the steady-state theory of cosmology. It was in an article comparing it with the Big Bang theory. At the time the two explanations of the cosmos were fairly even in the race to understand everything. The article stated that the Big Bang theory required the Earth to be in a special location (at or near the beginning point of the universe). Something in me was turned off by that idea of special-ness.

So I was left with infinity. That was a new thought to me, that I and everyone else and all the world and all the planets and stars and galaxies were part a single infinite being. I needed some form of confirmation, so the evening after this epiphany I went out and looked up into the sky and asked, “Are you infinite?” “YES!” was the answer that filled my body with an electric vibration. The most amazing thing was that this sensation was a warm embrace, like a welcoming home that said I was meant to be here. And because everything is part of the one universe, so were everyone and the whole world, and all the planets, stars, and galaxies.

Within ten years of my experience, the steady-state theory faded from the scientific community, but my belief in it was never defeated, even though I've always questioned it. With this vision in my mind for the last 59 years, I've struggled to understand the laws that govern all things (in school I took the “Introduction to Physics” four times, not getting a good grade until the last time, but even then feeling I did not truly understand).

Maybe the main thing I wanted to say was that seeing the Unitarian Universalist acceptance of science is very important to me. I'm also drawn by the call for justice and equality, and by the Buddhist practices.

The last thing I'll mention is that I've been part of a Men's Group - seven of us have been together for about 30 years. At the beginning we had a sweat lodge once a month. Seeing that "All Are My Relations" has been very important to me.

Well, that's me in a nutshell. So many parts of me fit in with the church that I feel I'm home.

Welcome home, Art!

