



SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

Dearly Beloved,

Thank you for your beautiful messages of love and support. When the going gets tough, the tough get going. You are the toughest and the most tender ever!

Wonderful news! Our Tech Team (Art Nava, Hala Hazar, Rich Abreu, and Sandy Dixon) met with Rev. Beth this morning to do a dry run of a virtual worship service, and the livestream is going to work! Go, team!

To participate in worship tomorrow morning, please go to [www.YouTube.com/ASCBoston](http://www.YouTube.com/ASCBoston) and click on the video that says “Live Now” in red text. To participate in the live chat (in other words, to be able to “speak” during the service), you’ll need to be logged in. For instructions on finding Arlington Street on YouTube or creating a YouTube account, please check out this detailed step-by-step lovingly created for us by Hala Hazar. If you need help accessing the livestream, the Tech Team will be monitoring Arlington Street’s Facebook page on Sunday morning. If you need assistance, post a comment to [facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch) or send a Facebook message. If you’re not on FB, please send an email to [outreach@ASCBoston.org](mailto:outreach@ASCBoston.org).

Please do not be daunted! You can do this!

Church of the Larger Fellowship (CLF) is a Unitarian Universalist congregation that has worshipped together virtually for many years. To get the most from your virtual church experience, CLF’s Lori Stone suggests attending to your worship space, perhaps preparing a warm beverage and taking a comfortable seat. Consider having a candle nearby so you are ready when Rev. Beth invites us to light our own candle as she lights the chalice in the high pulpit (remember the Christmas Eve secret: It will be the same light!). You might want to remove your hands from the keyboard as Rev. Fred is preaching. Mark David will be leading hymns. The words to all the hymns have been included in the Order of Service. Please download or print it so you can join him and sing your heart out ... like this!

You can submit candles of sorrow and joy in advance of the service here. Rev. Beth will also invite candles to be shared via live chat during the service. And during the offertory, as you text your gift to sustain our beloved community, you will be invited to share in the live chat what inspires you in these difficult days.

Following the service, at 12:30 pm, Jonah Beukman and Sarah Cooleybeck from our Transformation Team for Racial Justice will be hosting a virtual “Uncomfortable Conversation about Race.” This meeting will be in a teleconference format. Please e-mail [transformation@ascboston.org](mailto:transformation@ascboston.org) for the meeting link and access code.

Looking ahead, Rev. Beth and I will be hosting a virtual tea party (BYOT!) every Wednesday afternoon, starting this Wednesday at 4:00! Using the Zoom platform, we’ll open with a reading, suggest a prompt for conversation, and enjoy one another’s company. Join with video via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/8958866876> or participate by phone by dialing (929) 436 2866. For either option, the meeting ID number is 895 886 6876. If you do not have the Zoom app, you will be asked to download it. Follow the on-screen instructions and enter the ID number when asked. Again, you can find a Zoom tutorial here. All are welcome!

We are also working with our Tech Team on creating additional ways to gather our community virtually in the coming weeks. As always, keep up to date with all our virtual goings-on by checking in at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org).

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented experience keeping us apart from one another as each of us does our part to prevent the spread of the virus. Remember, my loves, that fear and love cannot coexist. Though separated, let us be together, sharing the best of our hearts and minds.

*Faithfully yours, with love always,*

*Kim*