



FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2020



Dearly beloved,

Another beautiful livestreamed worship service opened the week. So many thanks to the Tech Team - Art, Hala, Rich, and Sandy - for pulling it off. Our apologies for the technical snag with the sound early on; the team was heroic, and, working with Mark David, the issue was quickly resolved.

Thanks to those who have been sending in photos of yourselves! Here's the request: We'd love to tape photos of your beautiful faces to the pews, so I'm not preaching to an empty sanctuary! Photos can be emailed to office@ASCBoston.org. Thank you!

Rev. Beth and I continue to imagine new ways for all of us to be together while apart. And so many Arlington Street folks are helping through this crisis! Caitlyn and Karyn D. volunteered to shop and help (if you need them, please write to Jeffrey at office@ASCBoston.org). Julia & Toby, Sarah C, and Laura P are at work in neighborhood mutual aid societies. Connie is staying connected with Jimmy, and Fishey has been in touch with Dan H. Hala and Ksenia have worked to trouble-shoot technology challenges. The Tech Team has been wildly creative. These are just a few of the 10,000 acts of kindness I know about; please keep sharing them, as it is so uplifting! Thank you, beloveds! We need one another, and the service begins when the service ends!

In our continuing efforts to flatten the curve of transmission and infection, we are transitioning to a new platform for Sunday worship. In order to accommodate our wonderfully large number of Sunday participants, we will no longer be on YouTube live, but will be gathering on Zoom this Sunday morning, March 29th, at 11:00. Thanks to Director of Music Mark David Buckles for organizing us!

Please note that the worship service will be on a different account from the Arlington Street Zoom Room we use during the week. Here are the login details for worship. They are also posted on the homepage at ASCBoston.org.

Join by video at <https://mit.zoom.us/j/265740376> or participate by calling (646) 558-8656. For either option, our meeting ID is 265 740 376. If you do not have the Zoom app, you'll be asked to download it. Follow the onscreen instructions and enter the ID number when asked.

For our international guests who want to join us by phone, welcome! For the phone number that will get you from your country to our Zoom worship, please click here.

Please note that all other Arlington Street meetings and gatherings are happening in our dedicated Zoom room. Join with video via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/8958866876> or participate by calling (929) 436-2866. For either option, the meeting ID number is 895 886 6876. All the information is available on the homepage at ASCBoston.org.

We're adding more new programming this week!

Monday (3/30) at 5:00: Poems to Go On

Please come whether or not you think you like poetry! Feel free just to listen, or bring some of your favorite poems. We'll have the opportunity to read aloud and share what these poems mean to us. Let's start with no more than three each, to allow time for everyone to share. All are welcome!

Tuesday (3/31) at 5:00: Pet Parade!

Calling all animal lovers! Let's introduce the furry, feathered, and scaly members of our beloved spiritual community to each other! Whether or not you have an animal companion who's keeping you company these days (or a picture of a shy one or one who's still in your heart), come and enjoy!

Wednesday (4/1) at 4:00: Tea Time

Make a cuppa, find a comfortable seat, and come take a civilized late afternoon break with your ministers and one another. The topic for this week is "the road not taken," based on Robert Frost's poem. All are welcome!

Wednesday (4/1) at 5:15: Mini-Concert with Claudio Ragazzi!

Thanks to our beloved Elsa Mosquera and Beba Rivera at Ágora, at the close of Tea Time, we'll be treated to a musical feast by Grammy and Emmy award-winning composer and guitarist, Argentinian superstar Claudio Ragazzi! WOW! In these difficult days, musicians are essential personnel! All are welcome!

Thursday (4/2) at 1:00: Arlington Street Writes!

Our first session was deeply moving. Let's do it again! All are welcome!

Faithfully yours, with love always,

Kim

Thanks to these beautiful words from Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky.

“The very last thing we need right now is a mindset of mutual distancing. We actually need to be thinking in the exact opposite way. Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another must become a thought as to how we might help that other, should the need arise....

“Let's stay safe. And let's draw one another closer in a way that we've never done before.”