

FRIDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022



*The breathtaking bravery of Russians who know they'll be arrested for protesting this war and doing it anyway*

Dearly beloved,

One in-person and one hybrid gathering after the service this Sunday (last things first!):

In person: At 12:30, if you'd like to join the vibrant team that welcomes people from around the world into our sanctuary to see the Tiffany stained glass windows, please meet Polly Latham and Gaby Whitehouse upstairs in the Clarke room after the service. The Tiffany Center will reopen in May; there's something for everyone to do! If you can't make this meeting but are eager to help — or curious! — please email Polly Latham at [polly@pollylatham.com](mailto:polly@pollylatham.com). Thank you, Polly and Gaby!

Hybrid: The first of six sessions of book study devoted to discussing Layla Saad's *Me and White Supremacy* runs from 12:30-1:30 in [this Zoom room](#). Thanks to our Transformation Team for Racial Justice for hosting!

And coming up, if you'd like to attend the Boston Gay Men's Chorus Disney Pride in Concert at Symphony Hall on Sunday afternoon, June 26th (yes, this is worth coming to Boston!), Alan Kemp has arranged for us to sit together! Our seats (\$59) are at café tables down in front of the stage (think Boston Pops!). Please do these two things ASAP:

1. Write Alan Kemp at [jakempmd@gmail.com](mailto:jakempmd@gmail.com) to opt in (Alan needs to tell the BGMC office how many seats to hold) and,
2. On Tuesday, March 15th (not before, please; and no later than Friday, March 18th — but the sooner the better), call Jane Cassingham at the BGMC office (617. 300-0306), tell her to please seat you with Arlington Street, and purchase your ticket. Thank you, Alan, for making these arrangements!

As always, for more information on these events, please go to [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org).

This Sunday's service highlights: Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Julie Metcalf will sing Michael David Rosenberg's *Scare Away the Dark*. Our soloists will bring us Bobby McFerrin's *The 23rd Psalm*, Rodgers and Hammerstein's *You'll Never Walk Alone* (Carousel), and Unitarian Universalist ministers Rev. Gretchen Haley and Rev. Jason Shelton's *Even Now*:

For all the promises we make  
We never promise  
That your heart will not break  
That your heart could be  
Brave,  
Bold  
bursting open  
And be saved  
from the ache  
That sweeps over all of life  
We can only hope to bolster  
That bravery  
Quiet  
That ache  
Hope to be a community that listens your story  
Into being  
Becoming  
Whispering  
It's not the end  
Even now  
The day breaks  
For us all

So let us gather, friends  
With our restlessness  
our release  
our risk  
Grieving the pain  
Praising the good  
Giving thanks  
That we dare still  
wade into the waters  
of love  
and longing

My sermon is called *Spiritual Courage*.

Finally, wonderful news: As the COVID positivity rates continue to decline in Boston, our COVID Response Team, guided by Drs. Alan Kemp, Alan Rodgers, and Richard Marshall, has given the green light for the Arlington Street Church Choir to begin rehearsing again (with safety protocols in place)! If you'd like to join the choir, or if you're curious, please email Mark David Buckles at [MBuckles@ASCBoston.org](mailto:MBuckles@ASCBoston.org). All singers are welcome!

*Faithfully yours, with love,  
Kim*



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Bloody hell. Looking at a message from the Ukraine Library Association concerning the cancellation of their forthcoming conference. it basically says "We will reschedule just as soon as we have finished vanquishing our invaders". Ukrainian Librarians, I salute you

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