

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2023



Organizers expected twenty, but 250 golden retrievers gathered on the Boston Common last Sunday to honor the memory of Spencer, the 13-year-old therapy goldie who was the Boston Marathon's mascot.



*Our Great Doors on Arlington Street are a favorite post-Boston Marathon place for runners to reunite with their families, to picnic, and to brag!
Photo credit: Rev. Beth Robbins*

Dearly Beloved,

This Sunday's service opens with Louise Ruspini's exultant hymn, *Enter, Rejoice and Come In!* The Arlington Street Church Choir sings *Golden Breaks the Dawn*, with text by T.C. Chao, one of the early 20th century's leading Protestant thinkers in China, and John Andrew Story, a late 20th century British Unitarian minister. The music is by early 20th century Chinese musician Te-ngai Hu.

Golden breaks the dawn; comes the eastern sun
Over lake and lawn, sets its course to run
Birds above us fly, flowers bloom below
Through the earth and sky life's great mercies flow

As the spinning globe rolls away the night
Nature wears a robe spun of morning light
Dawn break in me too, as in skies above
Teach me to be true, fill my heart with love

Director of Music Mark David Buckles (guitar and vocals) and soprano Hannah Shanefield sing Antje Duvekot's *Sweet Spot*. Rev. Beth Robbins, our Executive Minister, is preaching a sermon called *Don't Miss It* — a deep dive into sweet serendipity.

Following the service, the Nominating Committee invites you join them for a hybrid informational session to learn about opportunities for service in elected positions at Arlington Street and to share information about their work (How is someone nominated? And how are they elected?). Join the Nom Comm in the Perkins room or in this [special Zoom room](#). *All are welcome!*

Do you have your bingo cards and raffle tickets, yet? [Nuns'n'Fun](#) is coming up on Saturday, April 29th, at 7:00 p.m.! Click [here](#) to queue up an evening in the Zoom room: games, laughter, and fabulous prizes, a benefit for our beloved spiritual community and our work in the world. I've already told you about some of our entertainment, and here's the latest: Thanks to our friends at Ágora Cultural Architects and Celebrity Series of Boston Neighborhood Arts, we'll be treated to a quartet from Boston's *Castle of Our Skins* collective, self-described as "a group of artists of all kinds dedicated to celebrating Black artistry through music." I'm laying bets that even our hosts, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, might stop their revelry for a few minutes to listen to all that beauty!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. Our Transformation Team for Racial Justice is seeking your input on making institutional, systemic anti-racist change and embodying racial justice as a spiritual practice. Please take this [short survey](#)!

p.p.s. For your schedule: Mezzo soprano Bek Zehr is singing in a free concert in Harvard Square this coming Monday, April 24th, at 8:00 p.m. They will be singing with Ensemble Uncaged, Longy School of Music's premiere new music group, dedicated to performing the work of emerging and underrepresented voices as well as established composers. Learn more [here](#). And a reminder that a week from Sunday, April 30th, is a triple header: The morning service is followed by a hybrid drop-in meeting of the Transformation Team and an in-person brunch at Precinct Kitchen followed by a concert by the Yale Russian Chorus with Ukrainian Alex Kuzma conducting. Everything you need to know is on the homepage at [ASCBoston.org](#)

p.p.p.s. If you'd like to spend a long weekend at Greg Hyde's home in Vermont in exchange for a donation to Arlington Street, please send an email (subject line VERMONT) to Arlington Street at gmail dot com (squish it all together) and make your bid! *Thank you!*



Sarah, Zef, Addie, and Audrea Madey celebrate Easter at Arlington Street! Sarah & Audrea join Art Nava & Rich Abreu, Barbara Gindhart, Jayson Uppal, and me on Team Nuns'n Fun. When we're really lucky, Zef and Addie as well as Jayson & Emma's children, Vivi and Theo, visit the Zoom room to help us with the planning!