



THURSDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



Monday Mettā ~ Sending Lovingkindness

Dearly Beloved,

News Flash: We have just under two hours to get our final bids in for the Indulge auction at <https://charityauction.bid/ASCIndulge!>

And great news for Arlington Street this week: our amazing, intrepid treasurer, Liz Teixeira, has secured a Cares Act grant for us! This money will help us cover lost building usage revenue and help with operations cash flow. *Thank you, Liz!* You're our superhero!

This Sunday morning at 10:00, Zoom Master Jonah will be doing Zoom training. He says, "You Might Just Have a Problem That We'll Understand!" Bring all your questions!

At 11:00, our service opens with tenor Daniel Rosensweig singing "Draw the Circle Wide." Director of Music Mark David Buckles leads us in "Circle 'Round for Freedom," "I'm Gonna Lift My Sister Up," and "Shower the People," as well as singing Fleet Foxes' "Helplessness Blues" with Julie Metcalf. Rev. Beth will join me in the pulpit; my sermon is called "Helping." Hana and Kazuhiro Omori join us from saka, Japan to sing "Bridge Over Troubled Water!"

At the close of the service, during virtual coffee hour, we're going to try something new: you'll be invited to join a breakout room. If you'd like to try it, this will be an opportunity to really visit with each other in a smaller, quieter setting. Everyone will be welcomed back from the breakout rooms to say goodbye to each other.

If you'd like to know more about Arlington Street, the Membership Team and longtime members of the congregation will be available after the service to chat and answer questions!

And then ...

\* On Monday, it's Monday Mett (noon) and Poems to Go On (4:00).

\* On Wednesday at 4:00, thanks to our friends at Ágora, tea time opens with a mini-concert by Italian jazz vocalist, Sissy Castrogiovanni. BYOT! Rev. Beth and I look forward to your reflections on this week's conversation prompt: a lesson you've learned from a mentor or wise person.

\* On Wednesday at 6:00, the Membership Team and I are hosting a gathering for people new to our community who want to know more about us and Unitarian Universalism! All are welcome!

\* Many of us loved our first Song Share with Director of Music Mark David Buckles and several of the Arlington Street Choir section leaders! Mark David has agreed to host again on the first and third Thursday evenings in May - the 7th and 21st. Get your songs on!

As always, please go to [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org) for all the latest news and gatherings ... and to click through into the right Zoom room!

Arlington Street will be joining the Mothers Day Walk for Peace, although this year, we'll be walking virtually! There's more information below. Finally, this week's Tea Time with the Ministers generated an impressive list of all-time favorite movies. If you're curious, I've tucked it in at the very end!

*Faithfully yours, with love always,*  
*Kim*



Thanks to Trisha Zembruski for another great poem!

**Mary Oliver for Corona Times**  
**(Thoughts After the Poem *Wild Geese*)**  
~ Adrie Suzanne Kusserow

You do not have to become totally zen,  
You do not have to use this isolation to make your marriage better,  
your body slimmer, your children more creative.  
You do not have to “maximize its benefits”  
By using this time to work even more,  
write the bestselling Corona Diaries,  
Or preach the gospel of ZOOM.  
You only have to let the soft animal of your body unlearn  
everything capitalism has taught you,  
(That you are nothing if not productive,  
That consumption equals happiness,  
That the most important unit is the single self.  
That you are at your best when you resemble an efficient machine).  
Tell me about your fictions, the ones you’ve been sold,  
the ones you sheepishly sell others,  
and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world as we know it is crumbling.  
Meanwhile the virus is moving over the hills,  
suburbs, cities, farms and trailer parks.  
Meanwhile The News barks at you, harsh and addicting,  
Until the push of the remote leaves a dead quiet behind,  
a loneliness that hums as the heart anchors.  
Meanwhile a new paradigm is composing itself in our minds,  
Could birth at any moment if we clear some space  
From the same tired hegemonies.

Remember, you are allowed to be still as the white birch,  
Stunned by what you see,  
Uselessly shedding your coils of paper skins  
Because it gives you something to do.  
Meanwhile, on top of everything else you are facing,  
Do not let capitalism co-opt this moment,  
laying its whistles and train tracks across your weary heart.  
Even if your life looks nothing like the Sabbath,  
Your stress boa-constricting your chest.  
Know that your antsy kids, your terror, your shifting moods,  
Your need for a drink have every right to be here,  
And are no less sacred than a yoga class.  
Whoever you are, no matter how broken,  
the world still has a place for you, calls to you over and over  
announcing your place as legit, as forgiven,  
even if you fail and fail and fail again.  
remind yourself over and over,  
all the swells and storms that run through your long tired body  
all have their place here, now in this world.  
It is your birthright to be held  
deeply, warmly in the family of things,  
not one cell left in the cold.



### **The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute/Mothers Day Walk for Peace**

In 1993, Louis D. Brown was a 15-year-old 10th grader growing up in Roxbury with very big dreams: college, graduate school, a doctoral degree in aerodynamic engineering. Ultimately, Louis wanted to be the first African-American and youngest-ever President of the United States.

Louis said, “I want young people I went to school with and from my community to be active in my government. However, if things don’t change, I’ll be alone in the

White House, because by the time I become president, my peers will all be dead, addicted to drugs, or in jail.” Setting out to improve his community and to be a role model to his peers, he joined Teens Against Gang Violence.

That fall, on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting, Louis was killed in the crossfire of a gang shootout.

In 1994, his extraordinary mother, Tina Chéry, honored her son’s dream by founding The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Dedicated to education in peace-making and nonviolence, the institute also assists survivors of homicide victims. In 1996, Tina started the Mothers Day Walk for Peace, which supports the work of the institute. This year, the walk will be virtual. Please give generously to <https://lbdpeace.z2systems.com/ascboston2020> Questions? Reach out to Sarah Cooleybeck or Shane McBride via [transformation@ascboston.org](mailto:transformation@ascboston.org).

Our Favorite Movies (in no particular order!)

To Kill a Mockingbird

Life is Beautiful

1,000 Clowns

All the Donald Sutherland movies

Sirens

Multiple Maniacs

Shawshank Redemption

Harold and Maude

West Side Story

Chinatown

The African Queen

Now Voyager

Dr. Zhivago

Days of Wine and Roses

White House Down

The Fox

Parting Glances

Fantasia

Casa Blanca

Fargo

Maltese Falcon

Pink Flamingos

A Dirty Shame

Lady Sings the Blues

Jojo Rabbit

Lost in Translation

Easy Rider

The Spy Who Came in From the Cold

Life is Beautiful

Sunset Boulevard

Rear Window (Alfred Hitchcock!)

Fargo

A Dirty Shame

King of Hearts

Ali: Fear Eats the Soul

Rear Window

Groundhog Day

Merchant of Four Seasons

Black Panther

Ratatouille

The Wizard of Oz

Romeo and Juliet

The Bitter Tears of Petra Von

Airplane

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Becoming (Michelle Obama: coming soon!)

G\*d’s Own Country

The Champions

Beauty and the Beast

Auntie Mame

The Sound of Music

Parasite

Babette’s Feast

Thelma and Louise

The In-Laws

Funny Girl

Angels in America

Mary Poppins

Walkabout

Antonia’s Line