



FRIDAY, MAY 21ST, 2021



Dear Ones,

That was a Covenant Renewal Sunday for the ages! I still get choked-up trying to talk about it. Holy smoke! You. Are. AWESOME! Thank you!

Rev. Fred Small, our Minister for Climate Justice and Director of Faith in Action at Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light, has an exciting invitation for us. Read on!

Dear ASC community,

Five years ago this December, I answered the urgent invitation of Lakota Chief Arvol Looking Horse to join faith leaders from across North America at Standing Rock to support Indigenous resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Gathering by the hundreds around the sacred fire at Oceti Sakowin Camp, we prayed, sang, listened, and bore witness to the wisdom of Mother Earth. For me, it was a life-changing experience.

Now we are called again by Indigenous leaders, among them Winona LaDuke, Tara Houska, Dawn Goodwin, and Taysha Martineau, to join a [multifaith delegation](#) to the [Treaty People Gathering](#) June 5-8 in northern Minnesota. There we will lift our voices and our prayers in opposition to Line 3, the notorious Enbridge pipeline intended to transport tar sands oil across northern Minnesota. There will be an opportunity for nonviolent civil disobedience, but whether or not you choose to risk arrest, your presence will make a difference.

I invite you to join me at the Treaty People Gathering, which has been [endorsed](#) by Interfaith Power & Light. You can [register here](#).

I'd be grateful if you would share this information with your networks. Thank you for all you do!

Blessings,
Fred

Whether or not we can go to Minnesota, we'll have the opportunity to support the [Treaty People Gathering](#) through our Share the Plate a week from Sunday, May 30th.

This Sunday, May 23rd, Yulia Yun opens the service on piano with *I'm Movin' On*, *Superheroes*, and *Let it Go*. Rev. Joanna Lubkin sings *Loosen, Loosen*; Hana and Kazuhiro Omori sing *Let It Go*; Director of Music Mark David Buckles sings *We Let It Be*, *Let Go*, *The Gambler*, and *Let It Be*. Yulia closes the service on organ with *Don't Stop Me Now*. Hala Hazar is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called *Let Go (Redux)*.

On Sunday afternoon at 5:00, Beth Bahia Cohen, whom many of us know from our Monday poetry gatherings, *Poems to Go On*, will be in concert in a [special Facebook Live performance](#). #RevealsConnects is a new series exploring musical traditions from around the world. Inspired by the sounds she heard at her Syrian and Russian Jewish family gatherings, Beth plays violin, Greek lyras, the Turkish bowed tanbur, and more! *Enjoy!*

Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim



Happy 17th Anniversary to marriage equality plaintiffs David Wilson & Rob Compton
and to legal same-sex marriage in the United States!