

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2023



Dearly Beloved,

Happy Pride! Boston Pride began in June of 1970 — a year after the Stonewall Riots in New York City — when a small group of some 50 activists marched from Cambridge Common to the Boston Common. A year later, Boston’s first Gay Pride march was attended by about 300 people. And guess who was in our bell tower, ringing the bells as the parade passed by? Our own Rev. George Whitehouse! Never missing a Pride, he’ll be up there again, tomorrow morning at 10:00. Please plan to join Arlington Street’s pre-parade service (in person and on Zoom) for a wonderful celebration! *All are welcome!*

This is the final Sunday before Executive Minister Rev. Beth Robbins, Director of Music Mark David Buckles, the Arlington Street Church Choir, and I head off for our summer sabbatical. Many thanks to the teams who will lead our weekday gatherings throughout the summer: Monday Mett will be led by Philip Roberts with an assist from Connie Scanlon and Al Ingram; Poems to Go On will be led by Darrell Waters and Alan Kemp; and Buddha’s Belly Book Group and Arlington Street Meditation Center will be led by Queen Cheryl, assisted by Al Ingram. Rev. Beth and I (or at least one of us, depending on travel schedules) will see you for Tea with the Ministers!

Here is the fabulous line-up of our summertime preachers! *Enjoy!*

June 18 ~ John O'Connor

June 25 ~ Rev. Erica Rose Long

July 2 ~ Rev. Fred Small

July 9 ~ Rev. Ali Jablonsky

July 16 ~ Queen Cheryl Thieret

July 23 ~ Lucy Humphrey

July 30 ~ Rich Abreu

August 6 ~ Kyle Belmont

August 13 ~ kel alford

August 20 ~ Rev. John Gibbons

August 27 ~ Art Nava

September 3 ~ I'm sneaking back into the pulpit, although Ingathering Sunday isn't until September 10.

Many thanks to our Summer Minister, Rev. Ali Jablonsky!

This Sunday morning, Artist in Residence Rodger Clinton Vine will be at the organ. We'll dedicate Sarah & Audrea Madey's beautiful son, Zef. Bek Zehr sings Sam Smith's *Who We Love*. The Arlington Street Church Choir sings Carole King's *You've Got a Friend*. We'll all sing *Answering the Call of Love*, *Chico Gospel*, and *With a Little Help from my Friends*. My sermon is called *Hang-ing Out as a Spiritual Practice*. And as is our tradition on this final Sunday in the regular church year, the choir will close with *An Irish Blessing*:

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May G*d hold you in the palm of their hand.

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. In 1958, Quaker peace activists sailed the 39-foot sailboat Golden Rule to the south Pacific to try to "get in the way" of U.S. nuclear tests. They were arrested in Honolulu, but their point had been made. Next Sunday, June 18th, Veterans for Peace are sailing Golden Rule into Boston to call for an end to nuclear weapons. If you're in Boston, there's a brass band processional and ceremony to welcome them to Fan Pier at noon (Silver line; Courthouse stop) followed by a 2:00 Fathers Day for Peace celebration. Our own Pat Scanlon (Veterans for Peace) is in the musical lineup!

p.p.s. At this past Wednesday's Zoom Tea Party with the Ministers, the conversation prompt was, "Let's talk about comfort food!" Here are some of our faves: chicken pot pie, fried chicken, BBQ chicken, potatoes (mashed, scalloped, chips, tater tots, bliss, sweet, potato salad, and French fries.... Did we say potatoes?!), pasta, grano arso with cannellini bean sauce, cornbread, eggplant parm, sake, grilled cheese, fish chowder, steak tips and cherrystone clams, fried clams, lobster pie, Duke's mayonnaise, ice cream (name your flavor) and ice cream sandwiches, bread (every variety, sometimes with a topping, including PB+J, sometimes without crusts), latkes, kugel, matzo ball

soup, popovers, Indian, Vietnamese, Thai, and Greek food, a box of candy, corn on the cob! Join us this coming Wednesday; the prompt is, “What’s your love language?”

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Florida's Banned Book List

