



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2022



Our own Rev. Beth Robbins and Ágora's Ana Colon made Boston Magazine with a postponed COVID wedding. The best quote of the article goes to the bride: I love Arlington Street Church! Please click [here!](#)

Dearly Beloved,

Here comes one of our favorite services of the year — Blessing of the Animals — celebrating our furry, feathered, and scaly companions with a special welcome to the sanctuary and the Zoom room!

We'll be creating an altar table honoring our animal companions who have died. Zoomers are invited to make an altar in your Hollywood square, and/or email a photo to our congregational administrator, Jess (JAcosta@ASC Boston.org) by Friday at noon so she can print it out for the altar. If you'll be attending the service in person, you can bring a photo and place it on the altar during the Prelude. ¡Presente! In addition, your donations of old sheets, blankets, and towels (laundered, please) will be gratefully received and donated to an animal shelter here in Massachusetts.

You may want to log in to the Zoom room early: So that everyone can see our honored guests, Rev. Beth will be on the Arlington Street steps with a Zoom camera, capturing their red carpet arrival. The Animal Promenade, accompanied by Mark David Buckles on piano and Julie Metcalf on violin, opens with Charlie Boyd Acuff's *Old Yeller Dog Came Trottin' through the Meetinghouse*. Animal companions in the Zoom room will be spotlighted for all to see, and another special camera will capture the incarnate beasts as they stroll around the sanctuary. Thanks to Tech Team lead Art Nava for all the special effects!

Other highlights of the service include the Arlington Street Church Choir singing Mark David's arrangement of the seventh principle of Unitarian Universalism — We believe in the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part — and we'll

all sing the music Mark David composed for Alicia Carpenter's text, *We Celebrate the Web of Life*. The choir will sing Eric Whitacre's setting of three hilarious poems from Ogden Nash's *Animal Crackers*, and soloists Hannah Shanefield and Bek Zehr will sing *Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti (Humorous Duet for Two Cats)*. Prepare yourself!

Somewhere in there, I'll preach — my sermon is called *Reteaching Loveliness* — and then we'll all lay hands on our animal companions and offer a blessing. The service concludes with the hymn attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi and a resounding, joyous *Alleluia!*

See you in church!

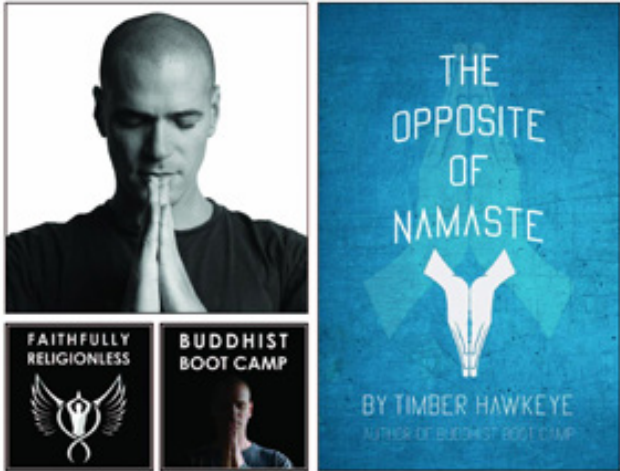
*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

Coming next Sunday — in the sanctuary and in the Zoom room!

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This is a free event, and everyone is welcome.

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