#FiredUp4ASC John Markham O'Connor April 16, 2017

Why am I fired up for Arlington Street Church? Let me tell you why! At some point in our lives we all come to realize we just can't do "it" alone. Whatever "it" may be, doing "it" with others is not only better, it is essential to our very being.

Love. Laugh. Cry. Pray. Seek. Wonder. Comfort. Hope. Help. Sing.

And as the song goes: We are living neath the Great Big Dipper /We are washed by the very same rain /We are swimming in the stream together/ some in power and some in pain/ We can worship this ground we walk on /cherishing the beings that we live beside/ Loving spirits will live forever/ we're all swimming to the other side.

Wherever we may be swimming to, we all come from different places. We are teachers, cab drivers, doctors, lawyers, mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, students, teachers, young and old.

We are gay, straight, trans and bi. We are of means. We are homeless. We are suffering. We are healers.

I choose to throw my lot in with you. I choose to offer my service on the worship committee, and on the intern minister committee. I choose to attend services. I choose to support Indulge. I choose you.

I choose to donate money so that this, this beautiful ark of our covenant, Arlington Street Church, can continue its mission of service, justice and peace. How do you choose to support what you believe in?

When you think of what you can give of your time, service and money, remember those in our beloved community of memory who came, and gave of their time, service and money so that we can be here, together, today.

What, would Dan Cheever do? What, would Herb Gleason do? What would Joan Goodwin do? And what, would Dan Kane do?

Presente.

Together, let us:

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Covenant. Together. Sunday, May 7th.