



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020



*Our beloved Alden (age 12) reacts to Kamala Harris' VPOTUS acceptance speech last Saturday night. Thanks to Sharon Gentges for sharing this beautiful moment!*

Dearly beloved,

What a week! I am flooded with gratitude for all of you who are showing up on Sunday mornings and in our various Zoom [gatherings](#) throughout the week. Your presence is assuring, steady, and deeply sustaining.

Two tech notices:

- There's a Zoom update! Please be sure to click through the "update now" invitation. It takes less than a minute!

and

- If you have an iPad, tablet, or laptop you're no longer using that's less than four years old, please consider donating it! Tech Team members Kem Morehead and Rich Abreu have been reconditioning these for members who don't have access to newer screens, cameras, and microphones. Thank you!

This Sunday, Yulia Yun (piano) opens the service with Beethoven. Joining the Arlington Street Zoom room from saka, Japan, Hana Omori (soprano) and her father, Kazuhiro Omori (guitar), sing Alex Fam's *Paddle Our Canoe*. Daniel Rosensweig (piano and vocals) sings Jason Robert Brown's *If I Told You Now*. Director of Music Mark David Buckles (guitar and vocals) and Julie Metcalf (violin and vocals) sing Leonard Cohen's *Anthem*:

Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in

John O'Connor is worship coordinating. My sermon is called Imperfection is Beauty. During the parish highlights, I'll make a very special announcement about *All Souls: A Capital Campaign for the Preservation of Arlington Street Church!* In addition, we'll be getting a look at the beautiful rendering of the front of the church, painstakingly drawn by architects at Bruner/Cott, which details every single stone. That graphic is going to have a big role in the campaign! Stay tuned to the opportunity (Thanksgiving Sunday through the end of 2020) to make a year-end gift to this building we call home — this building we received as a gift and will pass on to future generations.

Granddaughter of a beloved couple who were members of my congregation in Brewster, Massachusetts, my friend and colleague Rev. Rebecca Bryan serves as senior minister of our congregation in Newburyport. [Look](#) how they responded to expressions of hatred in their city! #UUProud!

*Faithfully Yours, with love always,  
Kim*

### **Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil**

Saturday, November 14th ~ 6:30-9:00 pm ~ First Parish (UU) in Chelmsford Zoom room (link below). The Welcoming Congregation Committee of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Chelmsford welcomes you to its annual Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil. The service will be virtual, with music, readings, reflection, and the reading of the names. The link for the service is [here](#). *All are welcome!*

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This past Wednesday's teatime prompt was, What's your favorite song? And, from Al Ingram, What's your "life song?" Here are our answers!

I Have a Voice ~ Brandi Carlile and Alicia Keyes  
The Joke ~ Brandi Carlile  
Alive ~ Pearl Jam  
Dona Nobis Pacem  
Amazing Grace ~ John Newton  
Thanksgiving Eve ~ Bob Franke  
Get Happy ~ Judy Garland  
Here's to Life ~ Shirley Horn  
Born to Run ~ Bruce Springsteen  
That's Not My Name ~ The Ting Tings  
One Heart, One Love ~ Bob Marley  
Carole King ~ Home Again  
The Circle of Life ~ from The Lion King  
Would You Lay With Me (in a Field of Stone) ~ Johnny Cash  
Everything Possible ~ Fred Small  
Travelin' Thru ~ Dolly Parton  
Shirley Horn ~ Here's To Life  
Let The Mystery Be ~ Iris DeMent  
Beautiful Day ~ U2  
I Got the Music in Me ~ Kiki Dee Band  
Cabaret ~ Liza Minnelli  
Joy to the World (Jeremiah Was a Bull Frog) ~ Three Dog Night  
Ode to Joy ~ from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony  
I Hope You Dance ~ Lee Ann Womack  
I Got You Babe ~ Sonny and Cher  
Permanent Vacation ~ Aerosmith

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing ~ Rev. Eugene B. Navias version  
The Irish Blessing  
Silent Night ~ Franz Gruber  
Last Dance ~ Donna Summer  
Ain't No Mountain High Enough ~ Diana Ross  
Cashmere ~ Led Zeppelin  
It's a Sin ~ Pet Shop Boys  
This Little Light of Mine ~ Dublin Gospel Choir  
Somewhere Over the Rainbow ~ Yip Harburg (lyrics) and Harold Arlen (music)  
People ~ Barbra Streisand  
Hold My Mule ~ Shirley Caesar  
Stabat mater ~ Francis Poulenc (version with Kathleen Battle soloist)  
We shall be known by the company we keep ~ Karisha Longaker (MaMuse)  
Make Your Own Kind of Music ~ Cass Elliott  
Both Sides Now ~ Joni Mitchell (Judy Collins version)  
Make Our Garden Grow (Finale from Candide) ~ Barbara Cook  
The Rainbow Connection ~ Jim Henson  
Alvinu Malkeinu ~ Azi Schwartz, the amazing cantor at Park Avenue Synagogue in NYC  
The Sound of Silence ~ Simon and Garfunkel  
On the Road Again ~ Willy Nelson  
I've Got to Use My Imagination ~ Gladys Knight  
Open the Door (Song for Judith) ~ Judy Collins  
Peace Train ~ Cat Stevens  
The Promise ~ Tracy Chapman  
The Moon and Saint Christopher ~ Mary Chapin Carpenter  
Sweet Spot ~ Antje Duvekot



*Thanks to Caroline Miranda!*