



FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2020



Dear Ones,

We hosted a huge crowd on Easter! Thanks to Tammy and Zoe Arcuri's Giving Fund for their generous gift; your Easter offering was truly inspiring!

Thanks to Jonah, who is offering a mini-session to answer all your questions about Zoom: "You Just Might Have a Problem that We'll Understand: Zoom Training with Jonah!" Please meet him at 10:00 on Sunday morning at <https://zoom.us/j/99170120804> or call (646) 876-9923 to participate by phone. For either option, the meeting ID is 991 7012 0804.

Thanks, too, to Philip and Stephen who are joining the team of folks grocery shopping and delivering for those who can't be out and about. We're taking such good care of each other! It does my heart so much good.

This Sunday, Director of Music Mark David Buckles leads us in singing, including a song new to us called "There are More Waters Rising." Tenor Daniel Rosenzweig sings Jason Robert Brown's "Hear My Song" from *Songs for a New World* and soprano Hana Omori sings "Somewhere" (words by Stephen Sondheim) from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*, accompanied by her father, Kazuhiro, on guitar. Rev. Beth will join me in the pulpit; my sermon is called Resilience.

There's so much happening in the Arlington Street Zoom room! As always, please visit the homepage at ASCBoston.org for all the news. Here are a few upcoming highlights:



Wednesday's Tea Party conversation prompt is a gift from Art J (thank you, Art!). Please come and share your thoughts about a person from history with whom you'd like to spend an afternoon.

On Thursday, Mark David invites us to Song Share, an opportunity to sing along with our Director of Music, section leaders, and members of the Arlington Street Choir, and to share songs with one another. Bring a song you love and we'll sing along with you, or just come to listen! Please note that Song Share will be in a special Zoom room; go here: <https://mit.zoom.us/j/93381569414> or call (646) 558-8656 to participate by phone. For either option, the meeting ID is 933 8156 9414.

A week from Tuesday, Our Buddhist book group, Buddha's Belly, is beginning a new book! It's one of my favorites: Jack Kornfield's *A Path with Heart*. If you'd like to join in, please read through Chapter 2.

And a week from Thursday, we're going to have our first Happy Hour! Stay tuned for details.

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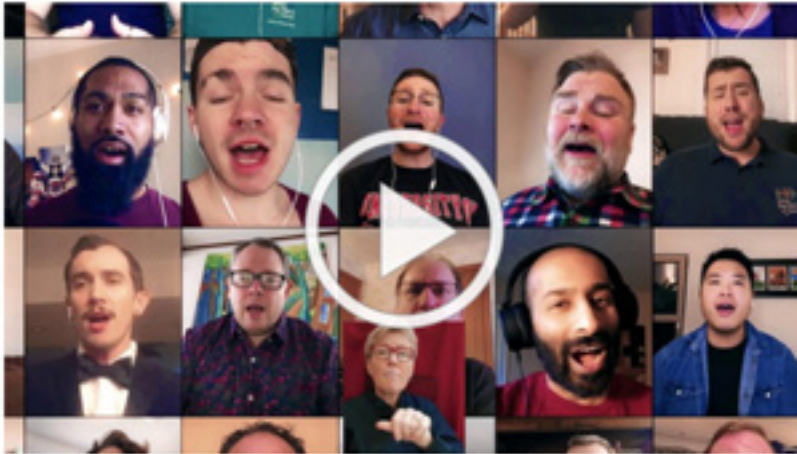
So many of you have mentioned how tremendously uplifting and sustaining it is to see each other and hear each other's voices. I miss you so much ... and I love Zooming with you!

*Faithfully yours, with love always,
Kim*

p.s. This coming week marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Here's a poem for you by my Unitarian Universalist colleague of blessed memory, Rev. Max Kapp.

Gratitude

Often I have felt that I must praise my world
For what my eyes and ears have seen these many years,
And what my heart has loved.
And often I have tried to start my lines:
“Dear earth,” I say,
And then I pause
To look once more.
Soon I am bemused
And far away in wonder.
So I never get beyond “Dear Earth.”



A gift from our beloved Boston Gay Men's Chorus



Muppets have been delivered to puppeteers' homes so Sesame Street can continue taping. *Photo credit: Father Nathan Monk*