



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020



*Photo credit Seyi Aiyebusi*

*More than 100 of Ginsburg's former clerks met her casket at the Supreme Court steps on Wednesday*

Dearly Beloved,

This Sunday is Yom Kippur, the highest of the High Holy Days. Also known as the Day of Atonement, its central themes are repentance and atonement; it is a day set aside for fasting and prayer, the practice of making amends, forgiveness of others' transgressions and of our own, and returning to right relationship with ourselves and one another.

At best, we take a daily inventory — noting where we wish we had done better, apologizing if possible and/or paying it forward, forgiving ourselves and others, and beginning again. But how beautiful to be offered an entire day for this practice of purification, humility, and grace. I commend it to us all. And to our Jewish family and friends, *g'mar chatima tovah!*

To open our service, Rev. Joanna Lubkin leads us in a chalice lighting for Yom Kippur, Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Julie Metcalf sing Ben Harper's *There Will Be a Light*, and baritone Tevan Goldberg sings *Kol Nidre*, the prayer sung in synagogues on Yom Kippur. Yulia Yun (piano and organ) and soprano Hana Omori and her father, Kazuhiro (piano and guitar), bring us Mendelssohn to Hammerstein! Darrell Waters is worship coordinating. My sermon is called *Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste*. The words of the anthem — Sarah Nutting's (MaMuse)

*Through That Gate* — say

I'm going through that gate  
You're coming with me  
We're all going home

Looking ahead: A week from this Sunday is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. It's time for our annual Blessing of the Animals! After the success of Ingathering Sunday's Celebration of Gifts, Rev. Beth is standing by to create another slideshow! **Please send a photo of your animal companions ASAP (ideally, if possible, you'll be in the photo, too!) to [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org).** The animals can be current companions, or those who have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge; all animals will be with us in spirit on October 4th. **Write the word Blessing in the subject line, include your name and your animal companions' names in the body of the email, and please send it by 5:00 on Thursday night, October 1st.** *Thank you!* Here comes our virtual Animal Promenade!

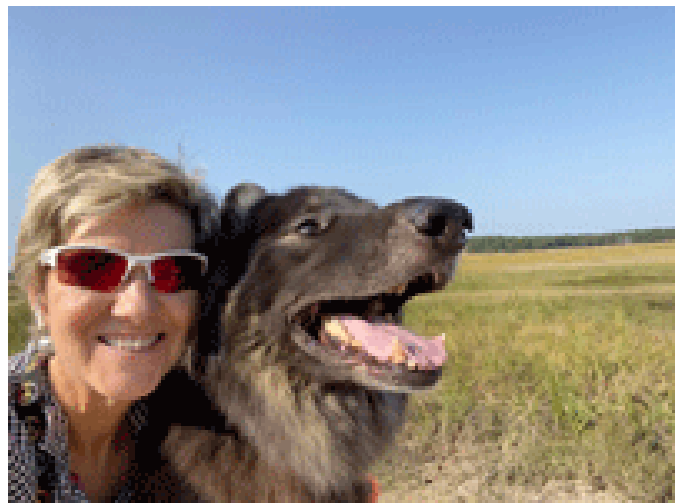
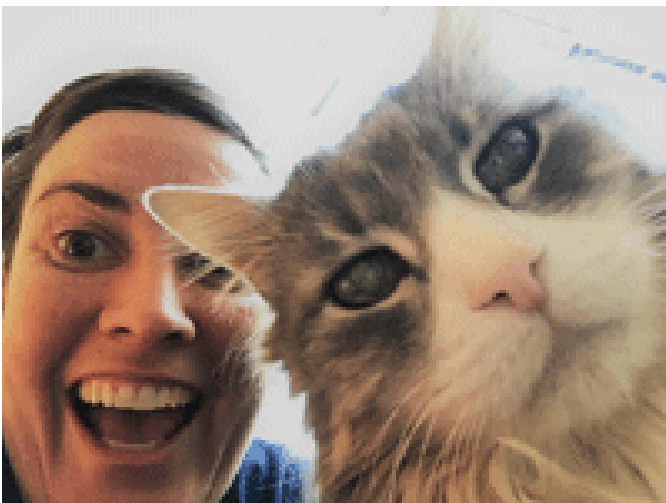
In addition, next month, we'll be re-igniting Share the Plate. Our October partner will be NEADS, an organization providing service dogs for people everywhere, including, very soon, our own Rev. Jo! More information will be coming next week.

Remember, sweethearts,  
There is a love holding us.  
There is a love holding all that we love.  
There is a love holding all.  
We rest in that love.

~Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker

*Faithfully Yours, with love always,*

*Kim*





Supergirl pays her respects to RBG at the Supreme Court building on Wednesday. *Photo by Alex Brandon*



Overnight last Sunday, someone changed New York City's C train 50th street subway station into "Ruth Street" to honor the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.