

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2022



Bill Casey, *!Presente!*

Dear Ones,

Many of us have been busy preparing for tomorrow morning's memorial service for Bill Casey. Bill was our beloved former director of music, led the musical theater department at The Boston Conservatory, was the executive producer and vocal coach of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus, and was married to the director of the BGMC, Reuben Reynolds. Special thanks to Kevin Tyrrell, lead usher, and his team; Queen Cheryl, lead greeter, and her team; and to Art Nava, tech lead, and his team for stepping up to welcome the great company of the bereaved. More information about the service, including an invitation to attend on Zoom, is on our [homepage](#).

On Sunday morning, we honor the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the occasion of his 93rd birthday. Artist in Residence Rodger Clinton Vine plays Florence Princes's *Adoration*, Charles Callahan's Suite on *African-American Hymn Tunes* (*This Little Light of Mine* and *Let Us Break Bread Together*), and Thomas Dorsey's *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* — Dr. King's favorite hymn — on organ. Cheng Cheng (who just received her freshly-minted doctoral diploma!) will accompany mezzo-soprano Bek Zehr on piano; Bek will lead us in singing *Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom, Guide My Feet* (*While I Run This Race*), *There's a River Flowin' in My Soul*, and *Amazing Grace*. The anthem is *Greatest Love of All* (Whitney!). Lucy Humphrey is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called *Dignity*.

Please consider yourself invited to our Wednesday tea parties! This past week's conversation prompt was, "Who would play you in the movie of your life?" Here are some of our responses: Alfonso Ribeiro, Anne Bancroft, Anne Hathaway, Ashley Judd, Bea Arthur, Benedict Cumberbatch, Betty White, Brad Pitt, Brenda Viccaro, Candace

Bergan, Chadwick Boseman, Charlton Heston, Daniel Day Lewis, Danny Glover, David Sedaris, Denzel Washington, Diana Rigg, Diane Keaton, Ellen DeGeneres, Emma Watson, Estelle Getty, Frances McDormand, George Clooney, Gina Davis, Goldie Hawn, Helen Mirren, Henry Thomas, Humphrey Bogart, Ira Aldridge, James Norton, Jimmy Stewart, John Malkovich, Johnny Depp, Julie Andrews, Katharine Hepburn, Keanu Reeves, Lady Gaga, Laurie Anderson, Leslie Jordan, Marilyn Monroe, Marlo Thomas, Mary Martin, Mary Tyler Moore, Matthew Broderick, Meryl Streep, Mitzi Gaynor, Nancy McKeon, Nathan Lane, Neil Patrick Harris, Olympia Dukakis, Rue McClanahan, Sally Field, Sharon Stone, Sissy Spacek, Susan Sarandon, Tig Notaro, Tom Hanks, and Tyne Daly. Are “you” missing from this list?!

I'll see you in your Hollywood Square!

Faithfully yours, with love
Kim



William Ellery Channing (1780-1842) was the “father” of Unitarianism in the United States and one of the greatest preachers and theologians of his day. This is his statue at the corner of the Public Garden across the street from our Great Doors.

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