

THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2022



Restoration Committee Chair Jon Andersen-Miller, perched on the scaffoldinghigh above Arlington Street, approving paint colors ... and pretending his legs haven't turned to Jell-o!



Arlington Street's own Art Nava (far right - Tech Team lead!) serves as treasurer on the national board of Gay for Good (pictured above). Thank you for ALL your service, Art!

Dear Ones,

Weren't we just singing *The Lusty Month of May*? Well, rainbows are showing up in both predictable and surprising places: It must be Pride month! And this Sunday, we'll be celebrating Pride!

I'll tell you about it in just a moment; first, a reminder of events coming up on June 11th and 12th! Fire up your calendar....

At 5:00 on Saturday evening, June 11th, our own Hannah Shanefield (soprano) is in concert in the Hunnewell Chapel! She's calling it *Love Suites: Music by Queer Composers* — a benefit for the Boston Alliance of LGBT+ Youth (BAGLY). *Thank you, Hannah!*

Afterwards, at 8:00, Emma's Revolution is in concert in the sanctuary — a benefit for Movement Voter Project, which supports grassroots organizations in swing states with a proven track record of helping to get out the vote among marginalized groups. Get your tickets here!

At 11:00 on Sunday, June 12th, our own Alden McNulty, graduating from 8th grade (!), will open the service by lighting the chalice and sharing her credo with the congregation — the culmination of a year-long Coming of Age class with peers from three area Unitarian Universalist churches. The service will be followed by Arlington Street's annual meeting at 12:30; please go to <u>ASCBoston.org</u> to review the agenda and the slate of our incoming leadership.

And then, at 3:00 that afternoon — at long last! — it's time for The Ordination of Ali Jablonsky to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry.

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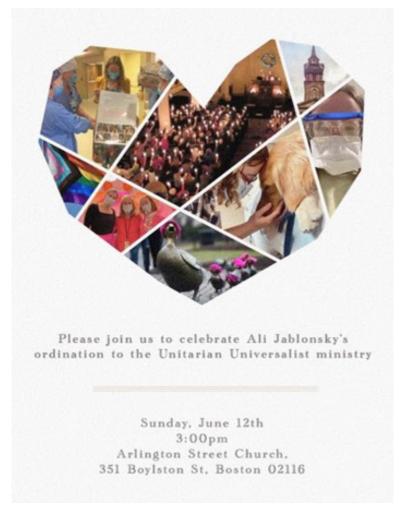
And now to this Sunday, June 5th: *Higher Love: A Celebration of Pride at Arlington Street!* Get ready to get festive right from go: Queen Cheryl and her team are decorating (I should write Decorating!) and Hala Hazar & Jen Eno will be playing a mix tape of Pride favorites playing on the front steps both coming and going! In between, Director of Music Mark David Buckles has assembled a five-piece band to play Elton John's *I'm Still Standing;* Benj Pasek and Justin Paul's *This Is Me;* Brandi Carlile, Phil and Tim Hanseroth, and Dave Cobb's *The Joke;* Steve Winwood's *Higher Love;* Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards' *I'm Coming Out* (Diana Ross) and *We Are Family* (Sister Sledge); and Otis Redding's *Respect* (Aretha Franklin)! Somewhere in there, I'll preach a homily called *How to Be A Good Ally.* And I hope we'll dance!

Happy Pride!

Faithfully yours, with love, Kim

p.s. Something great! Two years ago, Arlington Street member and student minister Jenna Crawford went to serve as intern minister to our congregation in Needham, where former Arlington Street intern minister Catie Scudera serves as minister. Jenna will be ordained in Needham this Saturday evening and has been called to serve as minister to our congregation in Marblehead! *We are everywhere!*

p.p.s. Alma Antoniotti & Gail Jennes are downsizing and have some furniture to share. Is an antique roll-top desk (60" long, 45" high and 34" deep; oak) or an old-fashioned stereo cabinet (teak) — both in excellent condition — in your future? These items are free (though they'd love you to make a donation to the church); you just need to pick them up from their apartment in Somerville. Yes, the desk comes apart to be moved! If you'd like to see photos, please email our admin, Jess, at <u>JAcosta@ASCBoston.org</u>. Jess can also arrange for you to be in touch. Thank you, Alma & Gail!





You'll be hearing about this photo in Sunday's sermon. See you in church!