

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021



Dearly Beloved,

Thank you for pouring into church last Sunday and into the Zoom room all this week. Let's stay very close during these difficult days. I think of the beautiful piece by George Odell we read when we welcome new members:

We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted
We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid
We need one another when we despair, in temptation,
and need to be recalled to our best selves again
We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose,
and cannot do it alone
We need one another in the hour of success,
when we look for someone to share our triumph
We need one another in the hour of our defeat
when, with encouragement,
we might endure and stand again
We need one another when we come to die,
and would have gentle hands prepare us for the journey
All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us

This Sunday morning, Yulia Yun (piano) opens the service playing the African American Spiritual *There is a Balm in Gilead*; Stevie Wonder's *Love's in Need of Love Today*; and Billy Taylor's *I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free*. Director of Music Mark David Buckles

(guitar, piano, and vocals) and Julie Metcalf (violin and vocals) lead us in the African American Spiritual *I Woke Up This Morning with My Mind Stayed on Freedom*; Nick Page's *Healing Prayer*; and Patti Griffin's *Up to the Mountain (MLK Song)*. Hana Omori (soprano) and Kazuhiro Omori (piano) lead us in the Black National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, and Thomas A. Dorsey's *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*. And Ann-Marie Iacoviello (soprano) leads us in the African American Spiritual *Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around*. Ali Jablonsky is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called Dr. King was Discouraged. Yulia Yun closes the service playing U2's *Pride* ... on organ!

My beloved colleague Hank Pearce just sent **this** to me. May we all awaken to The Great Realization. *Enjoy!*

Faithfully yours, with love, Kim

p.s. As always, please go to <u>ASCBoston.org</u> to find all the gatherings in the Zoom room this week. Especially, please join me for Intersectional Books on Monday at 5:30, where we'll be discussing James Baldwin's iconic *The Fire Next Time*. All are welcome!



Rev. Catie Scudera's daughter Sophia *really* enjoys a bowl of oatmeal. Rev. Catie is our former intern minister, was ordained at Arlington Street, and now serves the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Needham.

A new, fifth question for Passover:



in most other presidencies we do not impeach even once

why, in this presidency, do we impeach twice