



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2021



Dear Ones,

This Saturday, February 20th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., Al Ingram, Philip Roberts, Queen Cheryl, and Sarah Cooleybeck will be at the Great Doors of Arlington Street Church for a masked, distanced walk-up or drive-by surprise handout for all of you who donated to All Souls: A Capital Campaign for the Preservation of Arlington Street Church! Thanks to this team and to Jon Andersen-Miller, Chair of the Restoration Committee, who created a beautiful gift for us! If you're not able to come, please ask a neighboring Arlington Street member to pick one up for you. If you live out of state, no worries; USPS will bring you your surprise very soon!

And ... great news: Thanks to Bruce Dallaire, Jon Andersen-Miller, and Tom Anderson, the plywood is coming down off our windows (Tiffany and otherwise)! The window coverings have been a painful reminder of some very difficult days in the history of our country. I, for one, slept better when the windows were boarded up ... and I'm sleeping even better now that the windows are windows again!

Many of you attended one of the information sessions about Beloved Conversations, a program for Unitarian Universalists seeking to embody racial justice as a spiritual practice that will begin this spring. We have a wonderful cohort signed up! If you missed the opportunity to get on board, or if you hesitated because of the cost, there's still time and scholarship money. Please let me know ... now (office@ASCBoston.org)! Many thanks to Barb Seidl, Julia Simon, Laura Pattison, Philip Roberts, and Sarah Cooleybeck, and to Arlington Street's entire Transformation Team for Racial Justice for all your good work to make this happen!

Highlights of this Sunday's service: Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Julie Metcalf play three pieces by Canadian fiddler Oliver Schroer as well as American fiddler Rodney Miller's *Sparkle of Starlight*; Ann-Marie Iacoviello sings *May Your Life Be as a Song*;

Daniel Rosensweig sings *The Impossible Dream*; and Mark David and Julie will sing Heather Houston's *Tending the Spark*. Hala Hazar is our worship coordinator. My sermon is an old Buddhist teaching: Do Good, Avoid Evil, Appreciate Your Lunacy, Pray for Help.

Here are the words to *Tending the Spark* — a beautiful affirmation.*

And we will care for each other
As the world around us unravels
And we will tend to the spark
Of hope that lives within our grieving hearts

And we are here now in this present moment
Lifting our voices and our hearts
And we are here now, we have come together
We are tending the spark

Of hope. May it grow.

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

In honor of Black History Month, our beloved jazz man, Joe Della Penna, will be posting brief biographies and a daily video of his many heroes and legends of Black music. Thank you, Joe!

A very sweet letter arrived at the church office from a man who is incarcerated in Florida who would like a penpal. For those of us who correspond with inmates, we can assure you that your willingness to write him might just change both your lives. Please email me at office@ASCBoston.org and I'll get you his contact information. Thank you!

If you've ever thought about donating a kidney, Bo Harris, a member of our congregation in Provincetown, would appreciate being on the receiving end! You can learn more at www.kidney4bo.com, or on Facebook and Instagram @kidney4bo.

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