

THURSDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021



Dear Ones,

Let's start with some **thank-yous!**

First to Jon Andersen-Miller and Trisha Zembruski, who worked tirelessly to create the construction site sign that is now \*up\* in front of the church! Bravo!

And second to the team that handed out All Souls thank-you gifts and joined me in fanning out across the city to deliver them right to people's door — Al Ingram, Darrell Waters, Hala Hazar, Jon Andersen-Miller, Liz Teixeira & Dawn Bellamo (and Charlie Bacon!), Philip Roberts, Scott Schroeder, Vickie Henry and George Henry-Humphrey, Queen Cheryl, and Sarah & Patrick Cooleybeck!

Next, an **update**: As many of you know, both our Sexton, Brad Nobles, and our Congregational Administrator, Jeffrey Bouchard, hit the magic number and are happily semi-retiring! To my great relief, both have also agreed to stay on for ten hours a week. As long as we're gathering virtually, we won't notice their reduced hours: Brad will be taking care of the building and grounds and Jeffrey will be answering the phone and returning email. Brad's work will be heavily supplemented by a cleaning company and a handyman, though, and we are in the process of hiring a new congregational administrator — Jeffrey will onboard that person and transition to serving as the Administrative Assistant to the Senior Minister. One of the first things I'm dreaming of doing when we're back in the building again is celebrating Brad and Jeffrey's long service to Arlington Street!

And ... This Sunday is **Easter!** It's going to be beautiful! The service opens with Yulia Yun on piano, playing Melissa Sky-Eagle's *Morning Has Broken, So Fair to See*; Fike, Hooper, and Ryan's *We Believe*, U2's *Beautiful Day*, and George Harrison's *Here Comes the Sun*; and closes with Yulia on organ playing the overture from Leonard Bernstein's *Candide*. In between, Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Julie Metcalf sing *Morning Has Broken*; we'll

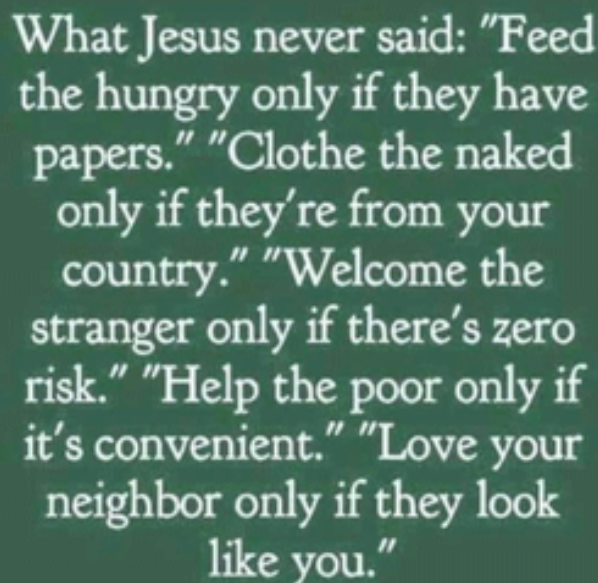
sing the old Easter hymns *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again* (or, if you prefer, *Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today!*) and *O Day of Light and Gladness* (led by Hana Omori and her father, Kazuhiro); Daniel Rosensweig will sing *If I Sing (Closer Than Ever)*; and, thanks to Mark David and Tech Team Lead Art Nava, the Arlington Street Church Choir will sing the African American Spiritual, *Over My Head*. To close, Mark David and Art have created another very special musical surprise featuring Ann-Marie Iacoviello, Daniel, Hana, and Tevan Goldberg! Rev. Beth Robbins joins me in the pulpit! My sermon is called ¡Presente!

Finally, two important **save-the-dates**: On Sunday, **April 11th**, immediately after the postlude and before breakout rooms, we're going to have our first ever **Five Minute Corporation Meeting!** Here's the story: Deb & Ed Pontes have been Arlington Street members for many years and raised their three children here. Ed is one of our artists in residence; Deb has served on our governing board, the Prudential Committee, *\*twice!\** When her term as president concluded, she joined the Nominating Committee, whose job is to identify candidates for leadership positions in the church. According to our bylaws, Deb needs to be formally elected to the Nom Comm by the members of the congregation. Please plan to stay after the service for just five minutes to vote Deb in! You'll be invited to raise your hands for a yea, a nay, or an abstention. Thank you!

And ... **Nuns 'n' Fun!** At 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, **April 24th**, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are hosting an evening of fun and fun(d)raising — Bingo, a raffle for some heavenly prizes, and surprise guest performances! Bingo cards are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$25. Financial assistance is available. Kem & I just purchased our tickets [here](#). Please do it now, and plan to join us for a fabulous evening!

Finally, beloveds, this just in: the country is still averaging 61,000 new COVID-19 infections a day. Please continue to be safe and well!

*Faithfully yours, with love,  
Kim*



What Jesus never said: "Feed the hungry only if they have papers." "Clothe the naked only if they're from your country." "Welcome the stranger only if there's zero risk." "Help the poor only if it's convenient." "Love your neighbor only if they look like you."

— James Martin, S.J.