

FRIDAY, APRIL 9^{TH} , 2021



Service dogs (angels in disguise) waiting to enter hospital rooms to comfort and entertain patients.

Dear Ones,

How awesome was our Easter service?! So many thanks to Director of Music Mark David Buckles, the Arlington Street Church Choir, our soloists and instrumentalists, the Tech Team, and to Tech Team Lead Art Nava, who created and produced all those gorgeous visuals. Rev. Beth and I loved every minute, and we hope you did, too!

Many of you will remember that Hala Hazar, Jen Eno, and Hala's father, Atef, introduced us to Beit al Baraka, a mutual aid society helping Lebanon rebuild after the devastating explosion in Beirut last summer. Our Share the Plate gift was gratefully received, and is being put to very good work! In the past month, Beit al Baraka volunteers have been able to distribute 17 tons of food, medicine, baby supplies, and sweets (!) through their partner NGOs. They also assessed 800 units that were damaged by the blast and completed 130 construction projects. Their goal is to complete 3,011 by summer's end! Thank you, friends!

This Sunday, Yulia Yun opens the service on piano with *Home, No Rain, I am Moana (Song of the Ancestors)*, and *Carry On*. Daniel Rosensweig leads us in *There is a Love:*

There is a love holding us There is a love holding all that we love There is a love holding all We rest in this love

We'll sing I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to be Free and Give Yourself to Love with Hana Omori and her father, Kazuhiro; Seasons of Love with Daniel Rosensweig; and Firework and Glory, Glory Hallelujah with Ann-Marie Iacoviello. Yulia closes the service with Put a Little Love in Your Heart. Darrell Waters is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called Perfect Your Love.

Immediately following the service, please plan to stay for our first-ever five minute corporation meeting! Deb Pontes, who has been serving on our Nominating Committee (their mission is to identify candidates for leadership positions in the church), needs to be formally elected to her position. Prudential Committee (governing board) chair, Philip Roberts, will simply ask you to raise your hand to affirm Deb's position, counters will make a lighting-quick tally, and everyone can head off for virtual coffee hour in Zoom breakout rooms. Thanks so much for helping to keep the business of our lovely ship ship-shape!

Finally, a reminder to please **buy your tickets** — or let me know you'd appreciate a scholarship — to Nuns 'n' Fun! At 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24th, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will indulge us with a fabulous evening of Bingo, a raffle for some heavenly prizes, and surprise guest performances! I'm excited to play with you!

There's a lot going on in the Zoom room! Please remember to go to <u>ASCBoston.org</u> and click through so we can all spend time together, staying connected while we're apart.



Faithfully yours, with love, Kim

Finally! Everyone can sign up to get vaxxed!