



FRIDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



Dear Ones,

Several years ago, Tech Team lead Art Nava set up a way for people to donate their cars to Arlington Street ... and immediately donated his car! I'd forgotten about this wonderful way to unload an old clunker — but Jeffrey Hale didn't. When his 2010 Jeep gave up the ghost, he donated it to Arlington Street, and we received a large check this week! If you're thinking of selling a car, please consider donating it to us. It entails two minutes of paperwork, a free pickup or tow (no, it doesn't have to be running!), a tax credit to you, and a generous gift to us. Many thanks to Jeffrey and Art!

On this Sunday each year at Arlington Street, we honor all those who mother us. Happy Mothers Day! Yulia Yun opens the service on the piano with *Because You Loved Me*, *You Raise Me Up*, *In My Life*, and *Mamma Mia* and closes the service on the organ with *Take a Chance on Me*. Daniel Rosensweig sings *Give Thanks to She* and *Mother of All*; Ann-Marie Iacoviello sings *Love Walked In*; and Director of Music Mark David Buckles sings *Follow the Sun*. The introit will be a sweet surprise! James Foleno is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called *Coincidences*.

Our closing hymn has special meaning at Arlington Street. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (#126 in our hymnal, *Singing the Living Tradition*) was written by Rev. Robert Robinson, who lived from 1735-1790. I first heard this old Methodist hymn at a meeting at Harvard Divinity School. I loved the tune, but brought it to longtime Arlington Street member Rev. Gene Navias for a Unitarian Universalist makeover. He wrote verses two and three as a gift for my installation in 1989.

When the hymnal was published, the words “young lamb” were substituted for Gene’s original “lambkin.” Our own Don Rickter made buttons that said, “Restore LAMBKIN to Hymn 126!” At Arlington Street, at the top of verse two, we sing lambkin ... and this Sunday, we’ll sing it in honor of Don’s 90th birthday!

Following the service, welcome to virtual coffee hour! Misty and Tina host Breakout Room #1 for our newcomers; in Breakout Room #2, Ksenia and Philip will host a conversation about General Assembly (GA), the annual, international gathering of Unitarian Universalists. This year’s GA is happening from June 23rd to June 27th and is all virtual — worship, workshops, lectures, and an opportunity to shape the future of our faith. Ksenia and Philip will share their GA experiences and answer questions. The Nominating Committee ([office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org)) is seeking five Arlington Street members to be our official delegates, but everyone is invited to attend!

Next Sunday morning, May 16th, we’ll celebrate Covenant Renewal at Arlington Street — the annual service when members and friends renew our Great Covenant to love and service and make financial pledges to sustain our beloved spiritual community. While we can’t process up the center aisle of the sanctuary with our pledge cards, there will still be plenty of fanfare! There’s nothing like that electrifying moment when we hear the total before the closing hymn (insert crying-tears-of-joy-and-gratitude emoji). That Sunday afternoon, our “reverse telethon” team will be busy calling everyone who pledged to confirm the details and, most of all, offer a big *thank you!*

Here’s to celebrating mothers and the mother in each of us!

*Faithfully yours, with love,  
Kim*



On April 28th, Vice President Kamala Harris and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi made history during President Joe Biden’s address to a joint session of Congress just by taking their seats — marking the first time two women would be sitting behind the President.”Thank you all — Madame Speaker, Madame Vice President,” the President said. “From this podium, no president’s ever said those words — and it’s about time.”