



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2021



How's everyone doing? This Sunday's sermon is on acceptance.

Dear Ones,

Our first hybrid events — *Arlington Street Sings!* and *Kinhin: Walking Meditation* — were *lovely.* Thanks to those of you who came downtown and to those of you who showed up in our Zoom room! Let's do it again at 2:30 this Sunday afternoon: *Arlington Street Cleans Up!* If you can't make it into Boston for this outdoor service project, join us on Zoom to say hello, and/or head out into your own community wearing gloves and filling a trash bag. The details on this gathering and all things Arlington Street are [here!](#)

A surprise donation arrived at the church this week: AmazonSmile generated quarterly earnings of \$419.65! *Thank you!* If you shop on Amazon and you don't already "smile," please consider this Robin Hood practice. Thanks to Rev. Beth, who has provided directions on how; you'll find them below.

The Tiffany Windows Visitor Center is closing for the season, though our church administrator, Joyce Kamau, is always eager to welcome visitors when the church office is open. So many thanks to each of you who staffed the desk in the Arlington Street vestibule and, once again, so warmly welcomed guests from across the country. We look forward to our international visitors' return!

Please join me in thanking Bill Briggs, Bob Sessions, Carol Fisher, Catherine Jason, Connie Scanlon, Darrell Waters, Genevieve McCulloch, Jeanne Monaghan, Judah Leblang, Judy Chambliss, Keith Perron, Margy Herley, Morgen Cooleybeck, Philip Roberts, Sarah Netsky, Sue Bills, and Zena Savage-Aird. A very special thanks to Gaby Whitehouse for rallying the volunteers and helping Joyce Kamau insure a wonderful experience for all who came through our Great Doors this summer!

This Sunday, Yulia Yun opens the service playing Schubert and Mozart on piano and closes it playing Schumann on organ. There's lots more music in between, including Mendelssohn's *How Lovely Are the Messengers* and Director of Music Mark David Buckles' *Psalm* (inspired by Psalm 42), sung by our section leaders; and Mark David (guitar) and Julie Metcalf (violin) singing Emma's Revolution's *Swimming to the Other Side* and Zo Tobi's *Only Thankfulness*. We'll close the service with the traditional African American hymn, *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah (Since I Laid My Burden Down)*! Darrell Waters, celebrating his fourth anniversary on the Worship Team, is our worship coordinator. My sermon is called Acceptance.

And coming up ... Professor Alan Helms and I warmly invite you to the next The Wednesdays Literary Salon! We're going to be reading the Greek poet, C.P. Cavafy (1863-1933); his work is gorgeous. The first of four sessions isn't until October 20th, but I encourage you to lay your hands on the text as soon as possible — C.P. Cavafy: *Collected Poems* (paperback, 9/8/92). All the details are [here](#)!

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing your beautiful faces in the Arlington Street Zoom room!

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

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4. Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to automatically generate donations for Arlington Street.

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- 1 Open the Amazon Shopping app.
2. Navigate to the main menu (=).
3. Tap on Settings and select "AmazonSmile"
4. Select "Arlington Street Church" as your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app.
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And ... **An invitation from our Minister for Climate Justice, Rev. Fred Small**, who also serves as Policy Director for Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light:

Love. Earth. Justice: A Multifaith Service of Prayer, Celebration, and Resolve
Sunday, October 3rd ~ 3:00-4:30 pm

Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light welcomes you to gather at Old South Church in Boston to celebrate creation and community, mourn all we have lost, and call each other to faithful action. Planned for approximately 90 minutes, the service will include prayer, meditation, and uplifting music, with an inspiring sermon from Rev. Traci Blackmon,

national justice minister for the United Church of Christ. We'll follow the strict COVID protocols of Old South Church. Wherever you live, you can join by livestream. Click [here](#) for complete information. Co-sponsored by UU Mass Action.

Be the Spark Training in Organizing & Advocacy
Tuesdays October 12th - November 2nd ~ 7-9 pm

Next month, Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light will host Be the Spark, a dynamic interactive workshop teaching state-of-the-art organizing skills for religious climate justice activists. If you've ever wanted to be more effective in engaging others to join our movement and have more impact in the world, this is for you! Conveniently accessible via Zoom to participants throughout Massachusetts, Be the Spark will be offered free of charge 7-9 pm Tuesdays October 12, 19, and 26 and November 2. Although attendance at all four sessions is highly recommended, it is not required. Recordings of all sessions will be available to registrants. More information is [here](#) and you can register [here](#)



You'll be hearing about this very bird on Sunday morning!