

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020



Dearly Beloved,

Some of you noticed that James Foleno's cat, Serena, wore a very fancy dress to the Blessing of the Animals last Sunday. She'll be wearing it again today — I'm thrilled to be headed to Maine to perform the (very tiny, outdoor, physically-distanced, masked) wedding of our own Sarah Foleno & Josh Bookin, ably assisted by their son, our beloved James!

Sunday morning, in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day, pianist Yulia Yun is playing pieces by Melissa Sky-Eagle, whose father hails from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. The chalice lighting is from the Ponca tribe's Chief White Eagle.

For a very special technological feat and pandemic treat, Victor Hugo and Abbie Betinis' "Be Like the Bird" will be sung by sopranos Ann-Marie Iacoviello and Hana Omori and baritone Mark David Buckles — together while apart! Hana, accompanied by her father, pianist Kazuhiro Omori, is also singing "Into the Unknown" from Frozen 2; and Director of Music Mark David Buckles will sing both Paul McCartney's "Let It Be" and Emily Saliers' (Indigo Girls) "Closer to Fine." Ali Jablonsky, our Affiliated Community Minister and a chaplain at Tufts New England Medical Center, will preach a sermon called Closer to Fine. Patrick Cooleybeck is worship coordinating. Thanks to this amazing team!

The coming week features a feast of activities, including both Monday Mett and Poems to Go On on the Monday holiday. Wednesday is tea time with Rev. Beth and me – the prompt this week is, *What would you do with a "gap" year?* In addition to Buddha's Belly (book group) and Arlington Street Meditation Center on Tuesday,

on Thursday afternoon, right before Arlington Street Writes, we'll gather for walking meditation. Thursday evening brings another Song Share! And please spread the word: If you or someone you know has parents in a nursing home, we're going to have a little supper and talk about it together a week from Monday. Go to ASCBoston.org for all the details!

And while you're on our homepage ... please find the NEADS service dogs blurb to make an offering to this month's Share the Plate. Technology foiled us last Sunday, but we're good to go now! Thanks to Art Nava for also creating a Facebook fundraiser. We're so excited for Rev. Jo to welcome her NEADS dog home — and home to us!

Remember, sweethearts,

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.

~Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker

Faithfully Yours, with love always, Kim



Do you have a plan to vote? 102-year-old Bea Lumpkin didn't let COVID-19 stop her from voting! Let's BE LIKE BEA!