



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023



Congratulations to our student minister, kel alford, who welcomed her grandson Julian on her birthday this week. *Happy Birthday* to you both!

Dearly Beloved,

This Sunday, our own John O'Connor will be in the high pulpit. He writes, "The saying, or perhaps it is a curse, goes: 'May you live in interesting times.' Today, we do live in interesting times, in a world beset by climate catastrophe, political instability, and war. And as the current carnage unfolds between the peoples of Israel and Palestinian, we are left wondering, *What's a UU to Do?*" In his sermon, John will explore some recent political, academic, and religiously-informed responses that may help guide our thoughts, words, and actions in these perilous times.

The Arlington Street Church Choir opens the service with Joshua Bornfield's Oseh Shalom, adapted from the Liturgy of the Kaddish; and Pepper Choplin's *How Long?*

How long, how long 'til this world is free from suffering?  
How long, how long 'til blessed peace will reign?  
How long, how long 'til the pow'r of love will come  
And heaven's will be done? How long, how long?

How long, how long 'til every gun is silenced?  
How long, how long 'til hate and war shall end;  
'Til every battle's thunder will fade to blessed peace  
And sounds of war will cease? How long, how long?

Press on, press on, let faith and hope sustain you....

We'll all sing Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow's (Emmas Revolution) *Peace, Salaam, Shalom; and Daoona Nayeesh*, written by Samir Badri and Ted Warmbrand. — Samir, a Muslim, wrote the prayer; his friend, Ted, a Jew, set it to music. The translation says,

Let us live in peace  
Let us live in inner peace  
Let us weave our dreams together  
Let us die in peace

Finally, Director of Music Mark David Buckles and mezzo-soprano Bek Zehr will sing Emily Saliers' (The Indigo Girls) *Let It Be Me*:

In the kind word you speak, in the turn of the cheek  
When your vision stays clear in the face of your fear  
Then you see turning out a light switch is their only power  
When we stand like spotlights in a mighty tower  
All for one and one for all, then we sing the common call

Let it be me (this is not a fighting song)  
Let it be me (not a wrong for a wrong)  
Let it be me  
If the world is night, shine my life like a light

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Also this Sunday, Doc Kinne is launching an exciting initiative: Would you like to ring the steeple bells? Read all about it!

Installed in 1860, the bells in the Arlington Street steeple were played until the United States entered World War II, after which they were neglected and nearly forgotten.

George Whitehouse didn't forget. Twenty years later, he and a friend restored the bells in secret. On Christmas Eve of 1961, people coming to services were surprised and delighted when "O Come, All Ye Faithful" rang out across the city, played on bells they didn't even know existed.

For many years now, the bells have been largely the domain of George (Master of the Bells) and Doc (Assistant to the Master of the Bells). They are pleased to announce the formation of the Arlington Street Bellringers Guild! Their aim is to foster a cadre of people they will train to become experienced bellringers and who will learn to do small repairs.

To ring the bells, you need to be able to climb three flights of steep stairs; be possessed of an elementary sense of rhythm; and be available a half hour before some Sunday services.

At 10:30 on any Sunday morning, please meet Doc at the foot of the staircase to the left as you enter the sanctuary so you can climb up into the belltower all together! Questions? Contact Doc at [kinnerc@gmail.com](mailto:kinnerc@gmail.com). Thank you, Doc and George!

Finally, for now, for our Boston-area members and friends,

- there's a Halloween party in Malden to get onto your calendar, and
- the tireless Lisa Drapkin reminds us that it's time to order Thanksgiving pies to benefit Community Servings! All the information is below. Thank you, Lisa!

*If the world is night, let's shine our lives like a light.*

Faithfully yours, with love,  
Kim

All about PIE!

Since 1993, Community Servings has provided home-delivered hot meals to critically and chronically ill individuals and their families. This is the 31st year of their annual fundraiser, "Pie In the Sky." The goal is to raise \$1,000,000, one pie at a time!

The Pie in the Sky bake sale is your chance to enjoy a wonderful, freshly-baked, gourmet pie and celebrate the true spirit of Thanksgiving. Every year, top chefs from all around Boston bake and donate 25,000 pies. Volunteer pie sellers (cue Lisa Drapkin!) then sell them for \$35. The sale of each pie provides a week's worth of hot meals for a Community Servings client! Choose apple, pecan, or pumpkin. You can pick up your pies the day before Thanksgiving at over 40 different sites in the greater Boston area, or you can buy a pie for a Community Servings client.

Click here to order on-line. Be sure to indicate that Arlington Street's Lisa Drapkin is credited as your Pie Seller. In addition, Lisa will be at church for the next few Sundays, taking orders after the service.

and ...

Nightmares Welcome: A Halloween Party Puzzle Adventure!  
Saturday, October 28 ~ 7pm  
2 Elm Street, Malden  
Ages 16+  
Tickets \$20-50

Get ready for a spine-tingling experience at Nightmares Welcome: A Halloween Party Puzzle Adventure! Boston-based Arlington Street members and friends are invited to join the good people of First Parish in Malden for a night of frights and delights. This in-person event will immerse you in a world of puzzles, mysteries, and Halloween-themed fun. Whether you're a puzzle enthusiast or just looking for a unique way to celebrate Halloween, this event is perfect for you. Gather your friends, test your wits, and see if you have what it takes to conquer the Nightmares Welcome puzzle adventure! Parking and T Accessible! All profits will be donated to the [United American Indians of New England](#).



Pippi, the church cat!