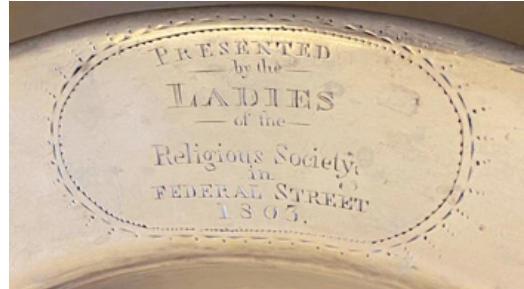


FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2023



Have you ever had the opportunity to look closely at the silver “christening bowl” we use in baby dedications? 1803! photo credit: Rev. Beth Robbins



Dearly Beloved,

There’s nothing like a baby dedication to offset the terrible grief of these difficult days. Thanks to baby Haven for lighting up last Sunday morning! Her parents write:

Dear ASC Community,

Thank you so much for welcoming our family with open arms and open hearts. Since Haven was born, we were searching for a spiritual home that each of us could learn and grow from. We are so happy that all of our searching led us to Arlington Street Church.

Love,
Brooke, Tommy, and Haven Simmons

Welcome, beautiful family! We are so glad — and so grateful — that you have come.

This Sunday morning’s service opens with Eleanor Farjeon’s lyrics set to the old Gaelic melody, Morning Has Broken, led by Director of Music Mark David Buckles (guitar, vocals) and Julie Metcalf (violin). Later in the service, they’re back

with JJ Heller's Big Love, Small Moments. The Arlington Street Church Choir sings Signature, written by my colleague of blessed memory, Rev. Jacob Trapp, and set to music by Keith Arnold, Director of Music at Jefferson Unitarian in Golden, Colorado. The words say

We awaken to the sun's glory of light
praising you in the morning.
You are the blue dome above,
the limitless sky beyond.
You are the warmth that embraces mother earth,
the rain that quenches her thirst
and gives renewal of life to all her children.
You are the brightness of sunlit leaves,
the shade under a cool canopy of trees,
the congregation of great rocks, giving strength,
among which we stand steadfast.
You are the stillness in the mountain,
the corresponding stillness in us
deeper than all stirrings of self.
You are the mesas and cliffs
from which birds dart down and sing.
You are the wings, the singers, and the song.
You are the list'ning world.
Your signature is the beauty of all things.

My sermon is called *Seeing the Sacred in the Ordinary*.

Immediately after the morning service, all are welcome to a meeting of the Arlington Street Church corporation (that's all of us!). Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, will be giving a brief budget report and Jon Andersen-Miller, Chair of our Restoration Committee, will be sharing updates about the construction. There's more about what's coming up below, but meanwhile, *see you in church!*

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

This coming Monday, November 6th, at 8:00 ET, I invite you to join me at a free webinar being organized by the Unitarian Universalist Side with Love initiative. It's called Why We Cannot Turn Away: Resources for UU Leaders Engaging on Israel and Palestine. Hosted by Jewish and Muslim Unitarian Universalist professionals, it will feature guest appearances by experts who will share about the history of the region, how our world arrived at the current moment, some history about UU engagement with these issues, and what we as people of faith might do in response to it. I'd love your company — [please register now!](#)

If you're entertaining the idea of officially joining Arlington Street and you missed this week's new member class, please join in this coming Wednesday evening's class at 6:00 ET. There's more information at ASCBoston.org. Please contact Membership Team lead Rachel Corey at rcorey.ascboston@gmail.com with any questions. You are so welcome!

A reminder that at 2:00 on Sunday afternoon, November 12th, we'll be celebrating the life of longtime Arlington Street Church choir member Jeanne Monaghan in a hybrid memorial service. *All are welcome.*

For students in the Boston area, Sanctuary Boston's Campus Ministry invites you to Friendsgiving! Organizer Adele Andrews (they/them) writes, "Come join oth-

er UU college students in creating a tradition of strengthening bonds, gratitude, celebrating abundance, and eating lots of good food. This event is also specifically focused on welcoming in new people to help us build a stronger campus community of UUs and spiritual seekers. It will be hosted at my apartment on Sunday November 12th, at 2:00.” You can reach Adele at (401 302-3678. Their address will be sent to you once you fill out the form.

Thanks to Betsy Shearer & Kevin Daly, who traveled to Lewiston, Maine in the wake of last week’s shooting that left — among many others — four members of their Deaf community.

Vigil in Lewiston last night as crowd raises the ASL ILY sign to show love and support for the Deaf Community. ❤️



Before We Kill...
~ Wendell Berry

The times are disgusting enough,
surely, for those who long for peace
and truth...

Before we kill another child
for righteousness’ sake, to serve
some blissful killer’s sacred cause,
some bloody patriot’s anthem
and his flag, let us leave forever
our ancestral lands, our holy books,
our god thoughtified to the mean
of our smallest selves. Let us go
to the graveyard and lie down
forever among the speechless stones.