



FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH, 2020



Dearly Beloved,

Happy (very strange!) Easter!

For this Sunday, Mark David, Rev. Beth, and I have imagined an Easter service to love - not as we love gathering with the congregation in our sanctuary, all together, but something different and beautiful, heartfelt, and celebratory. We're thrilled that Hana and Kazuhiro, Tevan, and Ann-Marie will join Mark David in offering beautiful music. My sermon is called #Kindness is Trending. So many of you have shared with me that now, more than ever, Sunday morning is a precious time for tears as well as laughter. It is so good to be together while apart!

I'm thinking of our children, who won't be tearing through the church, hunting for Easter eggs. How to make this Sunday extra special for them? If you would include something Easter-y in your Zoom view, that would be a lot of fun - for all of us! You could wear bunny ears or an Easter bonnet, or tuck a few eggs or rubber duckies in your Hollywood Square - a kind of virtual Easter parade through the Zoom gallery. Bonus: I have it on good authority that the Easter Bunny herself will be attending the service! I have great faith that we will rise to the occasion in these extraordinary times.

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Heartfelt thanks this week to new Arlington Street friends Ben & Anne for joining the team that is offering to help with shopping! If you can't or shouldn't get out, please write to our administrator, Jeffrey Bouchard, at office@ASCBoston.org, and he will connect you.

This Monday, I'm adding a new virtual gathering to our week: **Monday Mettā**. Mettā means lovingkindness; we'll be offering the traditional Buddhist words of lovingkindness to ourselves and to all beings. No prior meditation experience is necessary, and you don't have to sit with your legs folded under you! Please join me at noon. *All are welcome!*

Virtual Tea Party with the Ministers - every Wednesday at 4:00 - has been a delight! This week, please make yourself a cuppa and come to share (or just listen to) a response to the prompt: *What are you holding onto and what are you letting go?*

Please remember that physical distancing doesn't have to mean feelings of isolation and loneliness. There's so much happening in the Arlington Street Zoom room! For more information, please go to our homepage at ASCBoston.org. *We are all in this together!*

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News from Indulge, our annual fundraiser: The plan is to have a superheroes party when we can all be together again. Meanwhile, let's be superheroes by bidding on the wonderful items available now in the [online auction](#)! Thank you to our intrepid Indulge team, to all our generous donors, and to you!

I've just received word that the Tammy and Zoe Arcuri Giving Fund is offering a match for this Sunday's collection. WOW! Please join me in thanking Tammy and our little Zoe. I feel our own Easter miracle coming on!

Let's be together Sunday morning at 11:00!

*Faithfully yours, with love always,
Kim*



*Easter dresses for online
church this year*

I Saw You Dancing

I saw you dancing last night on the roof
Of your house all alone.

I felt your heart longing for the
Friend.

I saw you whirling
Beneath the soft bright rose
That hung from an invisible stem in
The sky,

So I began to change into my best clothes
In hopes of joining you

Even though
I live a thousand miles away.

And if
You had spun like an immaculate sphere
Just two more times,

Then bowed again so sweetly to
The east,

You would have found G*d and me
Standing so near
And lifting you into our
Arms.

I saw you dancing last night near the roof
Of this world.

[I feel] your soul in mine
Calling for our
Beloved.

~ Hafiz, trans. Daniel Ladinsky