

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2023



Dearly Beloved,

Tomorrow night, April 29th, it's Nuns'n'Fun! If you haven't [registered](#) yet, it's not too late! I'm excited for the opportunity to be all together in the Zoom room for bingo, raffles, great prizes, entertainment, and the company of the endlessly hilarious Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence! Please join me for an evening of fun and fundraising — all proceeds go to support Arlington Street and our work in the world. [Click here](#); see you there!

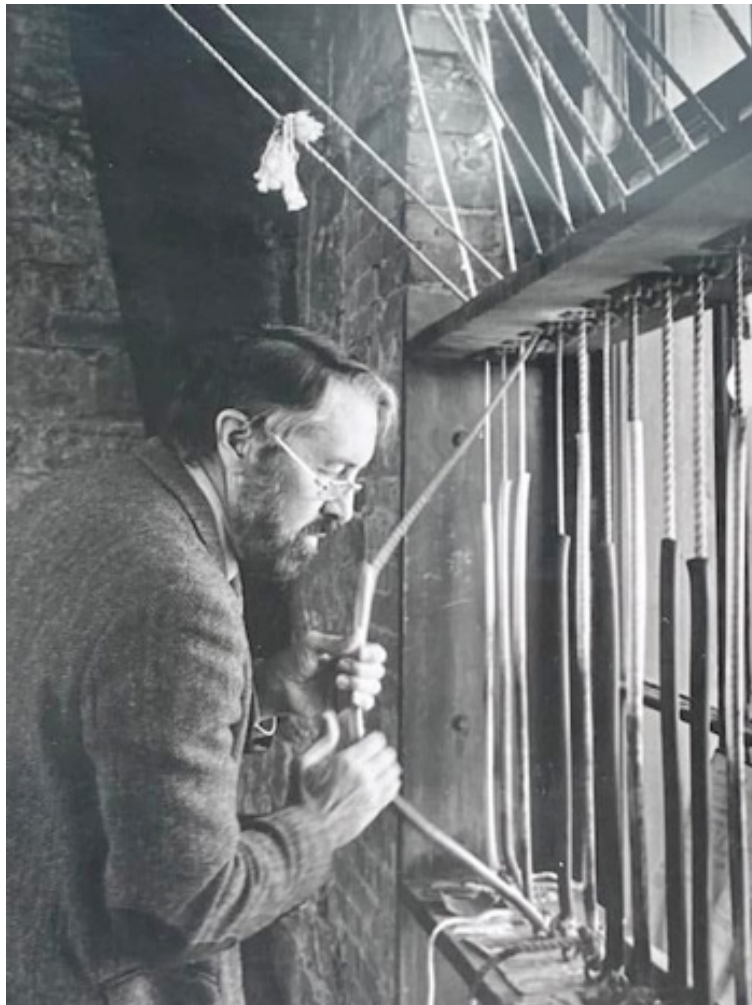
Before I tell you about Sunday's service, a reminder that there's *a lot* happening just afterwards:

- Our Transformation Team for Racial Justice is hosting a hybrid drop-in meeting. *All are welcome*
- For those of you in the Boston area, Gaby and George Whitehouse are hosting brunch at Precinct Kitchen (BYO\$). The guest of honor will be Lois Hartsough, chair of Arlington Street's Prudential Committee (our governing board), who is celebrating both her birthday and her retirement this weekend! *Congratulations, Lois!*
- Back in the sanctuary at 2:00, the Yale Russian Chorus is in concert, a benefit for Ukraine. *Welcome home* to our beloved Harlow Robinson and Robert Holley, who retired from Boston to LA! Harlow sings with the chorus.

Details about all three gatherings are on the homepage at ASCBoston.org.

Two exciting things about Sunday morning's service: The introit, anthem, and offertory will be sung by the Yale Russian Chorus — selections from their "sacred music" repertoire — and our own Marie O'Brien, who joined Arlington Street at the top of the pandemic, Zooming in from Chicago, and made her debut on the big screen at the Gleason podium as our first Zoom worship coordinator, is visiting Boston and will be in person in the sanctuary for the very first time! In addition, there will be beautiful flowers on the pulpit, a gift from Laura Pattison in memory of her parents; soprano Hannah Shanefield and collaborative pianist Hyunju Jung will lead us in some favorite hymns — *Morning Has Come, When our Heart is in a Holy Place*, and *Amazing Grace*; and my sermon is called *Saved*.

Did you know that our bell tower houses sixteen hand-rung bells, spanning an octave and a half? Our own Rev. George Whitehouse lovingly restored the bells, has maintained them for many, many years now, rang them every Sunday morning throughout the COVID-19 lockdown ... and would love your company in ringing them on a regular basis! George and his faithful "assistant to the master," Doc Kinne, are eager to introduce you to their lofty passion! If you're interested, please speak to George, Doc, or me. We'll organize an introduction to all things bells and George and Doc will (literally) show you the ropes!



Here's the final verse of Sunday's opening hymn — let's be together to sing and so much more this weekend!

Open our eyes to see that life abounds
Open hearts to welcome it among us
The light of love here shines upon each face
May it bring faith to guide our journey home

*Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim*

p.s. A final request to take [this short survey](#): Our Transformation Team for Racial Justice is seeking your input on making institutional, systemic anti-racist change and embodying racial justice as a spiritual practice.

This past Wednesday, the conversation prompt for the ministers' weekly tea party was, *What quality do you most appreciate in a friend?* Here were some of our answers: "Glass half-full" optimism; being helpful — being a doer; rolling with the punches; showing up/being there; acceptance; being able to be all of who you are; reflecting my best self back to me; kindness; telling me when I'm wrong while understanding how self-critical I am; the willingness to be quiet together; after a rain: not stepping on the worms together; wealth and generosity(!); the courage to be honest and true; being open and honest and challenging me to be the same; loyalty and continuity; knowing everything about me and still loving me; reciprocity; graciousness; civility; "portability" (you can take them everywhere); being non-judgmental; ease; simpatico; wisdom; humor; unconditional love; intimacy: being real, going deep; comfort; being able to pick up where you left off with them, no matter how much time has passed; their capacity to see my best self; nurturing; open-mindedness.

See you tomorrow night for fun with the nuns!

