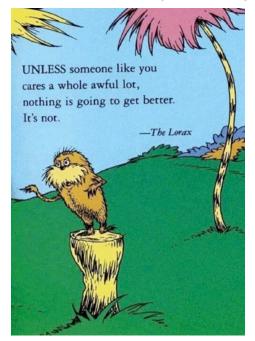


FRIDAY, MAY 19TH, 2023



Dearly Beloved,

At last Sunday's memorial service for Harriett Bogage, Director of Music Mark David Buckles and Bek Zehr sang Ryan O'Neal's (Sleeping at Last) *Hope;* I asked them to please reprise it on Sunday morning, and they will! I also asked if they'd be willing to sing one of my favorite pieces some Sunday — Kristen Longaker's (Ma Muse) *We Shall Be Known.* As usual, the answer is so much more than yes: Mark David has written a choral arrangement for the Arlington Street Church Choir! They'll open the service with it:

We shall be known by the company we keep By the ones who circle round to tend these fires We shall be known by the ones who sow and reap The seeds of change, alive from deep within the earth

It is time now, it is time now that we thrive
It is time we lead ourselves into the well
It is time now, and what a time to be alive
In this Great Turning, we shall learn to lead in love
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The choir will also sing Isaac Watts' adaptation of the 23rd Psalm, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, set to a traditional early American tune. We'll all sing the American folk hymn *What Wondrous Love*, Judy Collins' *Open the Door*, and James Taylor's *Shower the People*. My sermon is *Reteaching Loveliness (redux)*

— I have more thoughts to share, inspired by a line in American poet Galway Kinnell's Saint Francis and the Sow: "Sometimes it is necessary to reteach a thing its loveliness."

Our hybrid annual meeting follows the service, hosted by our co-moderators, Gaby Whitehouse and Tom Anderson. Everyone is welcome, though only those who have officially joined the congregation can vote. The meeting opens with voting in new members. Many thanks to Rachel Corey and to our Membership team for onboarding them, and thanks to Tech Team lead Art Nava, who made this <u>lovely video</u> of Katy Franklin & Laura Moody! *Enjoy!* We'll also be voting on the <u>FY24 budget</u> — with boundless thanks to our intrepid treasurer, Liz Teixeira, and our Finance Team, which Liz leads. Deb Pontes, chair of our Nominating Committee, will present a slate of new Prudential Committee members ("The Pru," which serves as our board of directors) and corporation officers as well as delegates to the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, the annual gathering of UUs from across North America. Thanks to the Nom Comm for your service (and such a wonderful slate)!

We'll recognize our outgoing leadership — Pru chair Lois Hartsough, Pru members Greg Hyde and Dan Mouhot, and clerk Doc Kinne (who has another very important role to fill now; more about that on Sunday!). Finally, we'll hear from our own Patrice Keegan; Patrice is the treasurer of Croma, the non-profit organization founded in 2016 to raise the resources for the restoration of our historic building. Chaired by Ágora's Elsa Mosquera, Croma has evolved to support the creation of a center for arts, culture, and community — a very exciting mission! Jon Andersen-Miller, chair of our Restoration Committee, has some amazing visuals to share with us about the first phase of construction. And finally, Lois will present a request from Croma for a construction loan; there will be two weeks for everyone to study the terms and ask questions and then, immediately following the service on June 4th, we'll have a one-item business meeting to vote on it.

It's going to be another busy, beautiful Sunday! See you in church!

Faithfully yours, with love, Kim

p.s. FY24: We're giving with wild abandon! This Sunday, Rev. Beth will be sharing pledgers' names and the latest grand total. *Have you made your pledge?* If you love Arlington Street and you've embraced it as your spiritual home, whether you come to church on Zoom or in person, please join in helping to support it. Take it from me: It's good for your soul! Go to <u>ASCBoston.org</u> and click on the Donate Now button at the top right of the homepage. *Thank you!*

