

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH, 2023



Happy Memorial Day!

Dearly Beloved,

Thank you for your robust participation in last Sunday's annual meeting! So many thanks to all those who made it possible and to our incoming and outgoing leadership! Of special note: Doc Kinne, completing his term as clerk and taking up his new role to work as Rev. George Whitehouse's Assistant to the Master of the Bells, has already leapt into action and repaired the "one bell" (the lowest-sounding bell in the bell tower). *Thank you, Doc!*

At the close of the meeting, following presentations by Patrice Keegan and Jon Andersen-Miller about Croma and the progress on the restoration of our 162-year-old building, Lois Hartsough, chair of our Prudential Committee, made a request on behalf of Croma to borrow money from Arlington Street, in large part to address a cash-flow problem related to the grant-making cycle. We agreed to meet again to vote on this, but on Monday, the Croma board withdrew its request. We plan to have more corporation meetings in the coming church year, and look forward to hearing more from Croma!

On this beautiful Memorial Day weekend, kel alford will be in the high pulpit, Darrell Waters will be at the Gleason podium, soprano Eve Laria will be at the chancel microphone, and Hyunju Jung will be at the piano. This past fall, kel arrived at Arlington Street and at Boston University School of Theology from her home in Colorado. This coming church year, thanks to BU's generosity, kel will be serving as our student minister! Her sermon is called *Practicing Adventure*. We'll all sing *Morning Has Broken* and *Blue Boat Home*, and Eve will sing *The Rainbow Connection* and channel Julie Andrews to sing *The Sound of Music!*

Here's a sneak preview of some of what's coming up in the final two weeks of the regular church year:

- This coming week, the conversation prompt for Tea with the Ministers is, “Did you ever get a great perk (or benefit from knowing someone who knew someone)?”
- Following the service on Sunday, June 4th, there's another in-person brunch at Precinct Kitchen;
- At 5:30 p.m. (ET) on Monday, June 5th, Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, our Community Minister for Spiritual Direction, will be in the Arlington Street Zoom room, teaching *Welcoming What's Unwelcomed: Welcoming Prayer as Spiritual Practice*;
- At 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Thursday, June 8th, Trisha Zembruski, who leads Arlington Street Writes, will be giving a poetry reading at Menino Arts Center in Hyde Park; and
- At 10:00 a.m. (ET) on Saturday, June 10th, our pre-Pride parade celebration will feature Jodi Pickle reflecting on her transition (while teaching high school); Wanda DEGalaxy singing *My Bathroom* from her act *Bathrooms are for Every Body*; Rev. Fred Small singing his new, inclusive version of *Everything Possible*; and the Mark David Buckles band! Pride is for everyone! *All in!*

And meanwhile ... Happy Memorial Day weekend!

Faithfully yours, with love,
Kim



Tina Turner, *ipresente!*