

The Divine Comedy:

Notes from Pastor Darryl

September 2019

It is the month of our 90th Anniversary. Alleluia!

On September 23, 1919, Kensington Community Church launched its first worship service and for every Sunday since, without fail, this church has gathered to worship God, lift our songs and prayers, welcome friend and stranger alike, and has tried to make the world a more loving and peaceful place from our little corner of it. Same corner of Marlborough and Alder ...rain or shine, in wartime and peacetime, through civil rights and landing on the moon, and through lots and lots of growth and change in our city, KCC has been here and given witness to the Good News of Christ.

I am so looking forward to our celebration planned for the weekend of September 22, 2019. I want to say thank you to Penny and Jim Ward, Kate Bishop, Jennifer Roberts, Kay-Marie Moreno, Robert Farrell, Bonnie McCarthy, Patrick Thomas, Helen Vreeland, Kathleen Buttici, and Mallie Odle for all their hard work and creativity in planning our festivities. And of course, I am incredibly grateful for all the donations which will go a long way to making this a joyous and meaningful celebration. It really does feel like a communal effort to bring this celebration to life. And I hope you have RSVP'd and will be able to join us.

Here is a brief list of things you can expect at the 9:30 AM Service on September, 22:

- We will debut a new video retrospective of our congregation's 90-years, orchestrated by Brock Allen with the help of lots of helping hands.
- We will dedicate a new street sign for our Marlborough Street sign designed by one of our youth, Eve Paris.

- We will welcome back to the church many old friends whom we haven't seen in a while.
- We'll use some prayers written by former ministers.
- We will recognize and honor so many folks who have gifted us with their considerable talents and gifts in positions of leadership and service.
- We will eat yummy food catered by Kitchens for Good (kitchensforgood.org), desserts provided by our KCC members.
- And we'll have a carnival feel for our young and young at heart with a jumpy, face painting, a snow cone machine and cotton candy maker.

And, of course, we will praise and thank God for the ways that God has guided us as a church, preschool, and community of the years, and we will ask for the Holy Spirit's help as we boldly stride into an unknown future. We will lean on the everlasting arms of God, hear again about the wideness of God's mercy, bless the tie that binds, and let our little light shine. We will bring our concerns to the foot of the cross and hold joy in our hearts at the empty tomb. And we will hear the Good News again that God's love is unconditional, and God's grace is ever-flowing and share this gospel with another and take it out into the world. We will reaffirm that this is God's world and we are so blessed to be in it and we will uphold our charge to take care of it.

I can't wait! Until then, know that no matter who you are, or where you come from, or where you are in your life's journey, you have been and are now and will always be loved and welcomed at Kensington Community Church.

Peace. Love. Understanding.

Pastor Darryl