FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worship for the Lord's Day  March 29 2020

PRELUDES  Liz, Willie, Grace (South Boston)
ANNOUNCEMENTS  Pastor Burns Stanfield

*CALL TO WORSHIP – For the Season of Lent
Leader:  It’s that time again. Forty days to lean in and listen to the story.
        Forty days to sort out pieces of life, tend to bruises, and commit anew to lives of faith.
        Hear the invitation from God:
People:  Come near to me.
P:  God calls, inviting us to share what is deep and real
L:  God calls, inviting us to face the wilderness with honesty.
P:  Draw near to The Spirit through time with others, for God works through people.
L:  Draw near to The Spirit through time near the suffering, for God enters through broken places.
L:  Grow in Love.
P:  God beckons us.
All:  Let us answer. Let us worship. Let us dwell with the Lord.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT   (Please light a candle at home)

*HYMN – Be Thou My Vision  Tim & Michelle Sanchez (Somerville)
Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven’s joys, O bright Heav’n’s Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate’er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

LITURGY OF CONFESSION  Betsy Pabon & Chuck Ferrell

Unison Prayer. Sometimes, God, we feel far from You. We want to be closer, and even complain when that nearness is absent. And yet – we are busy with distractions, preoccupied by resentments, and sometimes utterly derailed by hate. Help us get on track. Help us embrace honesty right here, right now, and name it all: Our distractions. Our resentments. Our mistakes. Our sins. ... Sometimes, God, we feel far away. But we know Christ keeps singing that invitation to draw near and trust. Help us now to lean in & listen....

Time for Silent Confession
Sung Response:
Draw near to me; Please don’t stay away for long
Draw near to me; My love for you is strong
For even if you’re far away, I hold you in my heart
I sing a secret song to you. Each day we are apart

Draw near to me; Though it feels like you are far
Draw near to me; I’ll be for you a guiding star
I will walk with you. And you can always walk with me
I’ll hold you in my arms again – Draw near to me
**LITURGY OF PARDON**

Leader:  Sisters and brothers, God is merciful and kind.
People:  In Jesus, God invites us into the fullness of God’s Grace.
Leader:  As God’s children, let us proclaim the good news together:

**All:**  In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

**SING:**  (the second portion of the earlier response)
- Draw near to me; Though it feels like you are far
- Draw near to me; I’ll be for you a guiding star
- I will walk with you. And you can always walk with me
- I’ll hold you in my arms again – Draw near to me

**SCRIPTURE READING**  Ezekiel 37: 1-14  Hoklotubbe Family (in Iowa)

**CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER**  Pastoral Resident Deb Duval (in Framingham)
Write prayer requests in the “Chat Section.” You can also request a chance to speak.

**HYMN**  - Precious Lord  Katie Walsh (in NH)
- Precious Lord, take my hand  Lead me on, let me stand
- I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  Through the storm, through the night
- Lead me on through the light  Take my hand, precious Lord  And lead me home
- When my way grows drear  Precious Lord, lead me near
- When my life is almost gone  hear my cry, hear my call,
- Hold my hand, lest I fall,  Take my hand, precious Lord  And lead me home

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**  Matias Letelier (in NYC)

**SPECIAL MUSIC**  Dry Bones  Lizzie, Grace & Willie. Please join us in song & dance
- Chorus: Them bones, them bones, them – dry bones. (3x) Now hear the Word of the Lord!
- Last verse:  Them bones, them bones, gonna – dance around (3x) Now hear the Word of the Lord

**MESSAGE**  Assoc. Pastor Katie Cole (Jamaica Plain)

**UNISON PRAYER**  Holly Aloise & Family (Montana)
- Gracious and Loving God, thank you for this Lenten journey; and thank you for this time to walk with Jesus toward the promise of Easter. God, we ask that you guide us in this sacred season so that we might:
  - rid ourselves of what clutters our lives,
  - deepen our faith and follow your way,
  - bring all of our hopes and heartbreaks to you in prayer,
  - rediscover Your grace and share it with the world.
- Transform us this Lent, Oh God, and give us the strength to draw closer to you each day. Amen.

**OFFERING**  The Freeborn Family (Melrose)
- We can give online at  www.fourthboston.org
- OR send a check to Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127

**DOXOLOGY**  Tim & Michelle Sanchez (Somerville)

**SERVICE OF HEALING**  Burns & family (in the sanctuary)
- Please have a cup of water nearby for a time of blessing.
- Song:  Jesus on the mainline, Tell Him want you want….

**HYMN**  - Guide My Feet
- 1. Guide my feet, while I run this race (3x), For I don’t want to run this race in vain.

**BENEDICTION**  Spoken Response:  Alleluia, Amen!
- God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
- With a shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again
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