

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day Third Sunday of Eastertide April 26, 2020

PRELUDES

Liz, Willie, Nate, Grace & Burns (In the sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. Pastor Burns Stanfield
Assoc. Pastor Katie Cole

Please write announcements & prayer requests in the Zoom Chat Section.

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Eastertide - Appreciation Day

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: We follow Jesus through his praying, his teaching, his life in this world.

P: We've follow him through his healing, his weeping, his aching
and even his death in Jerusalem.

L: And during this season of Easter, we follow him in RISING and with gratitude.
Today we embrace his New Life!

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

L: Rise, shine and declare this truth!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

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

*HYMN – *We Gather Together (#336)*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens his will to make known
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine
So from the beginning the fight we were winning
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant
And pray that thou still our defender will be
Let thy congregation escape tribulation
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Unison Prayer. God of the brokenhearted, you invite us to embrace our humanity even when it aches. As your heart breaks open for your children, you invite our hearts to break open for others. But we confess, God, that our brokenness often leads us to hurt others. Instead of being compassionate healers, we neglect, or resent, or sow seeds of division. O God, as we journey with you to the cross, to the tomb, and beyond, create in us a clean heart. Renew and sustain us with the Spirit to be your people and do your work. Hear our prayers, and bring us closer to Your Redeeming, Saving Love.

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: Beloved, let us proclaim the good news:

People: God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love

Leader: Claimed as God's own, let us bear witness to the truth of Easter

All: From any tomb of darkness and death, God raises us with the breath of life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia, Amen!

SING: *(With Singers in the Sanctuary!)*

Alleluia, Alleluia.....

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Sanctuary Team

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

Write prayer requests in the "Zoom Chat Section"

Appreciations by our Deacons

Prayers from Pastoral Resident Deb Duval

Sheila Buckman

Diane Devore

Katie Cole

*HYMN - *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (#654)*

The Sanctuary Team
and Katie Cole, McNeill Shiner

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24: 13-35

Rev. Ken Grant (Swampscott)

SPECIAL MUSIC

I'll Take You There

Mac & Jodi Stanfield (Des Moines) & the Choir

Join us on the chorus with your voice and your movement:I'll take you there....

MESSAGE

Thank You

Burns

*AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

J.Y. Lee (Cambridge)

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, today I believe.

OFFERING

Tim, Michelle, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jenny (in Somerville)

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Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127

DOXOLOGY

With a recording from a past worship service

*HYMN - *Faith Begins by Letting Go (684)*

The Somerville Sanchez Ensemble

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
Taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
Pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping memory's roots alive
So that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
Not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
Till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

*BENEDICTION Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen! (The Sanctuary Team)
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

POSTLUDE

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