

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day EASTER SUNDAY April 12, 2020

PRELUDES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soul Possibilities April Session & Meals Program
Food Pantry & Meals Program

Sr. Pastor Burns Stanfield
Assoc. Pastor Katie Cole
Christine Keller, FP Director

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Easter

Leader: Brothers and sisters, our forty day journey leads us to this moment.

People: Alleluia, we see the empty tomb.

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

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

L: And today we follow him in RISING. Today we embrace his New Life!

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

L: Rise and shine, for the day has come!

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

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

*HYMN – *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Betsy Pabon & Chuck Ferrell (in Attleboro)

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

Rev. Katie Cole (in Jamaica Plain)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

Write prayer requests in the "Zoom Chat Section"

Rev. Tim Hughes Williams, Perry & James (in Baltimore)

Lauren Basler (from Standish Village senior residences, Dorchester)

Deb Duval (Framingham)

Ailsa, Thomas & David Craig (Dorchester: Emily is working today as nurse)

Deb Robison (in South Boston)

Nathan Stanfield (in Cambridge)

***HYMN -** *I Will Arise* Tim, Michelle, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jenny (in Somerville)

Chorus: I will arise and go to Jesus;

He will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior,

Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, thou font of every blessing, Move my heart to sing thy praise.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

CHORUS

Teach me some melodious songs, Sung by flaming tongues above.

Here's the Mount; I'm fixed upon it Songs of Thy redeeming love.

CHORUS

Here I'll raise my Ebenezer; Hither, by Thy help, I'm bound.

And I pray, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Prof. Martien Halvorson-Taylor (Charlottesville, VA)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28: 1-10 Rev. Mike Hegeman (Phoenix, AZ)

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Happy Day* The Choir and Everybody out there in the Zoomosphere
Sing. Dance. Proclaim the Good News, everybody!

MESSAGE

There Will Be Interns

***AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH**

The Outterson Murphy Family (Iowa)

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.

SUNFLOWER SEED INSTRUCTIONS and OFFERING Karen Flaherty (South Boston)
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)
With a recording from a past worship service

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Burns & family (in the sanctuary)
Katie (in Jamaica Plain)

Musical Offering *The Broken Hallelujah (Leonard Cohen)*

Please participate by eating something from your home (a piece of bread, if possible),
and drinking from a cup of juice or water.

* HYMN - *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
Nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us,
Sing Hosanna, everyone!

*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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