

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day Fourth Sunday of Eastertide May 10, 2020

PRELUDES

Beau Levering, Sitar
Sanchez Family
Grace, Nate & Burns in the sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Burns Stanfield
Christine Keller, Food Pantry Director
Assoc. Pastor Katie Cole
Two Fed at Fourth Moments

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Eastertide

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 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 his RISING.
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 – *Morning Has Broken* (#664)

Alison Slade (in Milton)

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Andy Ward (in Dorchester)

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

Katie Cole

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

Write prayer requests in the "Zoom Chat Section"

Recognizing Confirmands, all approved by session:

Luis Martinez, Daniel Perez, Samuel Lopes Teodorak,

Thomas Craig, Kaden Jacobs, Andrew Perez

Commissioning Field Education Students: Hannah Ozmun, Beau Levering, Brent O'Neill

Sharing "Chat" Prayer requests: Katie Cole

Prayer and Lord's Prayer: Burns

*HYMN - *The Servant Song (#300)*

The Sanchez Family(in Somerville)

1. Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey.
We're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

6. (Repeat Verse #1)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

Jackie Rodriguez (in Princeton, NJ)

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 2: 2-10

Elliott May (in Princeton, NJ)

SPECIAL MUSIC *O Mary Don't You Weep*

The Choir

Solo verses by: Burns, Katie C., Dave C, Alyce, Holly, Jacobs Family, Sanchez Family

MESSAGE *Living Stones*

Deb Duval, Pastoral Resident (in Framingham)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the confirmation faith statements) Burns
(all words are from the confirmation faith statements of Thomas, Kaden, Luis, Samuel, Andrew, Daniel)

With Thomas, we confess that God is the One we worship and love. Like Kaden, we affirm that God protects us even when we are having a hard time or might be in danger. With Luis we believe that God is a protector who loves us as we are, and gives us strength in the face of bullies. God is the highest being of our existence, as Samuel says, and God does not want us to be alone.

Jesus is God's Son and a healer. For Samuel, Luis, and all of us, Jesus is a brother. Like Andrew, we look up to the magic of Jesus's grace: peace, joy and love.

With Daniel, we feel a connection to the Holy Spirit when we are alone and in silence, and we can feel peace even in difficult times when we talk to God. With Thomas we see the Holy Spirit in the kindness that flows through people like rivers. The Spirit guides us in school, in skateparks, in life, in church.

Like the Perez brothers we affirm that church is not just a building. It's the people. With Kaden, we believe church can be another home. "I feel like I can tell people stuff that I might need to get out of my head." It is a place where people share and feel the love that God has given to us. Church gives us the opportunity to do something new, to meet new people, to help others, to bring somebody who is recovering a milkshake that they LOOOVVVE.

As members, we will do whatever is needed, to the best of our capabilities, and help those who need help. We do this for the church and for God Almighty, in order to show our love for God and our neighbors.

OFFERING

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, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jenny (in Somerville)
With a recording from a past worship service

*HYMN - *We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; (2x)

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

CHORUS And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; (2x)

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land; CHORUS....

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; (2x)

And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: CHORUS....

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: CHORUS..

*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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