FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day August 16, 2020

PRELUDES

Nathan Leach in the sanctuary, with David Leach and Julia Connor

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Katie Cole

- * Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- * Thursday: In-Person Worship You have the option to attend 6pm service in person, in the yard.

 Please register with Burns, Katie or online
- Worship on Sunday, August 30 at Castle Island, 10:45am (and the Baptism of Owyn Jacobs) (No Potluck this year.) There will be a chance to reaffirm baptism in the harbor. Talk to Burns or Katie if you are interested.
- (proposed) ONE-DAY, all day RETREAT at Camp Wilmot, NH, with dinner at the Flying Goose: Saturday, Sept. 12 (NO GROUP OVERNIGHT PLANS)

(We are working on details with Kayla and others. Cost would be within \$55, including dinner. Stay tuned and keep that day free if you are interested. We cannot guarantee rides, because of social distancing concerns, but we will help match people to willing drivers as best as we can.)

Loosely speaking, the plan would be to arrive by 10:30am, do a group outdoor activity with Kayla & Team at 11, have lunch, then free time (boat, swim, hike), then prayer groups, a blessing service (also on zoom), and dinner at the Flying Goose before driving home.

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

DO YOU WANT A CALL? Tell Katie Cole or Deb Duval in the chat and we will call you today.

*CALL TO WORSHIP -

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- L: Friends, we are gathered as disciples called to heal, love and serve.
- P: Glory to God, who has brought us to this place!
- L: And here Jesus himself welcomes you and promises to walk with you always.
- P: Glory to the Son, who walks with us into the world.
- L: We gather this morning, at this holy altar.
- P: And pray for healing as a community of young and old, growing and grown.
- L: It is a day to claim the deep, healing Peace of Christ
- ALL: WE SEEK THAT PEACE, WE CELEBRATE THIS BODY, & WE WORSHIP GOD!

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

*HYMN 701 - Lord, Prepare Me (The sanctuary)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Lauren Basler & Andy Ward

Dear, Holy God — We make mistakes. We miss the mark. We do wrong even when we are sure we are doing right. Help us to name those sins. Help us to clear a Way so that your Holy Breath can make its way into our community and our world. Bless this time of confession that we may be honest and fully aware of who we are. Bless this time of confession that we may be touched and fully aware of who YOU are. Hear our confession. And cool us with your Holy Spirit...

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response (#740) Lead me, guide me, along the way

For, if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord (3x) Lead me.

*LITURGY OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is merciful and kind.

People: In Jesus, God reveals a holy love, a love that transcends even death.

Leader: As God's children, let us proclaim the good news together:

ALL: <u>In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven</u>.

Sung Response: AMENI! (also led by Holly!)

TIME FOR CHILDREN Katie Cole

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

KATIE COLE will share some of the prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section" Shared Prayer Requests (from youth that helped with serving meals this summer)

Luis Martinez

Samuel Lopes Teodorak

Ailsa Craig

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD's PRAYER: Katie

*HYMN – # 450 Be Thou My Vision

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

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Alexa Jackson

SPECIAL MUSIC Psalm 23 (Bobby McFerrin) Virtual Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15: 10--28 Stephanie Glennon

SPECIAL MUSIC Fantasia no.1 in Bb, Largo (GP Telemann) Julia Connor

MESSAGE Seminarian Nathan Leach

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Iona Community)

David Craig

We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful, so to be the church for the glory of God, Amen.

OFFERING Susan Devine

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

With a recording from a past worship service

*HYMN #301 - Let Us Build a House (Sanctuary)

Let us build a house Where love can dwell And all can safely live, A place where Saints and children tell How hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions; All are welcome! All are welcome! All are welcome – in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, And words are strong and true, Where all God's children dare to seek To dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness And a symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome! All are welcome! All are welcome – in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found In water, wine and wheat: A banquet hall on holy ground, Where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, Is revealed in time and space; As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place.

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

Sung Response (Tim and Michelle)

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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