

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day August 23, 2020

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## PRELUDES

Tim & Michelle Sanchez  
Ingrid Gerdes  
Mike Motia

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revs. Katie Cole & Burns Stanfield

- DEACONS meeting today by Zoom
- 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, Debbie 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 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 \$15, plus \$20-35 for dinner at the Flying Goose.) 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 at Wilmot by 10:30am after 2 hour drive, 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 (~5:45pm) before driving home.

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

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

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## \* CALL TO WORSHIP (as we step into a telling of the story of the Exodus) –

Leader: Gather my friends, on this holy ground, and remember that when we hurt, when we struggle, when we groan.,

People: God hears our cry.

L: Gather on this holy ground, and remember that God calls you and me and *us* to take our place in the movement toward a Promised Land

P: God calls us into mission.

L: Gather and remember that even when we have to navigate hunger, scarcity, and frustrated companions, .

P: God sustains us, and shows a way to the Promise

L: Gather my friends, on this holy ground, where together...

All We worship the God who calls us to Promise,

We worship the Christ who walks by our side,

We worship the Spirit who sustains this holy journey.

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

\*HYMN #626 - As the Deer (Mike Motia)

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You're my friend and you are my brother Even though you are a king

I love you more than any other So much more than anything

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

*(Katie Cole in the sanctuary)*

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: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sung Response: AMENI ! (also led by Katie)

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Matias & Marlana Letelier

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

KATIE COLE will share prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER: Burns

\*HYMN – # 450

*What Child is This*

*(Ingrid Gerdes)*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

*Burns & Grace Stanfield*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Wade in the Water*

*(Burns & Grace, then Liz & Willie...)*

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12: 3-8

Dave Courage

MESSAGE "Infant Hope"

Burns

*(Including a time for all to identify seedlings of hope.)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Iona Community)

(Mark Abbott)

*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

(Katie Cole in the sanctuary)

We can give online at [www.fourthboston.org](http://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 #138 Who Would Think That What Was Needed (Tim & Michelle)

Who would think that what was needed  
To transform and save the earth  
Might not be a plan or army,  
Proud in purpose, proved in worth?  
Who would think, despite derision,  
That a child should lead the way?  
God surprises earth with heaven,  
Coming here on Christmas Day.

Shepherds watch and wise men wonder,  
Monarchs scorn and angels sing;  
Such a place as none would reckon  
Hosts a holy helpless thing;  
Stable beasts and by-passed strangers  
Watch a baby laid in hay:  
God surprises earth with heaven  
Coming here on Christmas Day.

Centuries of skill and science  
Span the past from which we move,  
Yet experience questions whether,  
With such progress, we improve.  
While the human lot we ponder,  
Lest our hopes and humor fray,  
God surprises earth with heaven  
Coming here on Christmas Day.

\*BENEDICTION Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen! (Katie)

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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