

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day August 9, 2020

PRELUDES

Burns, Grace, Liz, Willie, Nate & Nathan Leach in the sanctuary

A song Tim and Michelle Sanchez: "Transfiguration" (Maine)

A recording from Nathan Leach

Live from the sanctuary....

A recording from Jimmie Lou Collins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Burns Stanfield
Assoc. Pastor Katie Cole

* Tuesday: Session at 7pm (Deacons will be invited to a portion on Castle Island Worship)

* Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)

*Wednesday: ICE CREAM WEDNESDAY (The Last One!)

6pm-6:30 We participate in the Zoom prayer service from **Carson Beach**

6:30 Ice cream and whatever from concession stand

*Thursday: In-Person Worship - You have the option to attend 6pm service in person, in the yard.

Please register with Burns, Katie or online

*NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - We end this summer's Day Program

Seminarian Nathan Leach, preaching

*Proposed: Worship on Sunday, August 30 at Castle Island, 10:45am

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 851 - Come Bring Your Burdens to God (*The sanctuary*)

Come, Bring Your burdens to God (3x) For Jesus will never say no.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

McNeill Shiner

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! (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

DEB DUVAL will share some of the prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"

PASTORAL PRAYER: Burns Stanfield

HYMN #775 - *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me (2x)

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me (2x)

When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me (2x)

When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

SCRIPTURE READING I Kings 19: 9-18 *Christine Keller*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Child of God* *Virtual Choir*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14: 22-33 *Ken Grant*

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Old Churchyard* *(Ozark traditional hymn)*

MESSAGE *Some God Alignment* Burns Stanfield
Sung Response: *I Want Jesus to walk with me...*

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING *(Led in the sanctuary, practiced in all of our homes)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them.

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.

One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit, and all who care for them:

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.

One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence:

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.

One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love:

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.

One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement:

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.

One: Loving God, we hold in your healing presence and peace those whose needs are not known to us....And those whose names we do not know, but are known to you....

All: May they know the deep peace of Christ.

One: Together we say: **AMEN**

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS *(break out groups)*

Please share a hurt (yours, a friend's, a community's...any kind of ache) for which you request prayer and the Healing Touch of God.

RITUALS OF HEALING– An embrace, An anointing with water, A Look across Zoom boxes
Special Music *Fix You* *(sanctuary)*

*HYMN #797 - We Cannot Measure How You Heal (Sanctuary)

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain,
and make your broken people whole.

*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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