

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day September 13, 2020

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## PRELUDES

Michelle and Tim Sanchez  
Mike Motia  
Burns Stanfield & Jon Hazilla

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meal Program Every Day, 11am-1pm
- \* Thursday: In-Person Worship - You have the option to attend 6pm service in person, in the yard.  
Please register with Burns, Debbie or online

NEXT SUNDAY - Baptism of Jonah Stansifer

NEXT SUNDAY - Katie has mailed out pancake mix and supplies so we can celebrate our annual "Pancake Breakfast Sunday School kickoff event"

SUNDAY, Sept. 27 - **JUBILEE Sunday** to mark a new fall with classes, groups and Soul Possibilities offerings. (We want to make worship special... Stay tuned for details.)

In OCTOBER - A re-tooled, ZOOM style "Let's Talk" Campaign

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

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

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## \* CALL TO WORSHIP (as we continue to tell 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 #822 – *When We Are Living (Pues si vivimos)*

*Burns and Jon*

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
But when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Betsy Pabon

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 toward the Promised Land, 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: 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: AMEN!

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Katie Cole

PRESENTATION in DRUM and DANCE

Kathy Encarnacao & Jon Hazilla

*Fed (and Fed and Fed) at Fourth!*

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW INTERN: Becca Tweedie (First Burns, then Becca)

PRAYER REQUESTS

From Participants in Saturday's Wilmot Retreat

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

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER: Burns

\* HYMN

*Wade in the Water*

Burns & Jon

Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children.  
Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.

Well, who are these children dressed in red? (God's gonna trouble the water)  
Must be the children that Moses led. (God's gonna trouble the water) CHORUS

Who's that young girl dressed in white? (God's gonna trouble the water)  
Must be a child of the Israelites (God's gonna trouble the water) CHORUS

(INSTRUMENTAL)

Jordan's water is chilly and cold. (God's gonna trouble the water)  
It chills the body, but not the soul. (God's gonna trouble the water)  
If you get there before I do. (God's gonna trouble the water)  
Tell all my friends that I'm coming too. (God's gonna trouble the water) CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14: 19-31

*(sanctuary)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Wondrous Love (from the Sacred Harp)*

*A Virtual Choir Video*

MESSAGE

Wide Rivers to Cross

(Burns)

*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 (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 #543 *O Christ, Surround Me* (Tim & Michelle)

God, be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice  
God, be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
Prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me.....

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind,  
Depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me...

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,  
And from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me...

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me...

## \*BENEDICTION Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen!

## Sung Response

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

(And 6-8 minutes after the postlude....)

## BREAK OUT GROUP COFFEE TIME

We will randomly assign you to groups of FOUR people for TEN MINUTES.  
Say hello, introduce yourselves, tell your group what is going on in your life this week.

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