

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day September 20, 2020

PRELUDES

Michelle and Tim Sanchez
Mac and Jodi Stanfield
Burns Stanfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A MOMENT FOR PANCAKES, spotlighting the making and eating of pancakes
The Pancake Song— *It's time to make the pancakes, cuz that's what we do
in September when we start Sunday School
The classes will be great, so we've got to celebrate
With a stack of cakes and some syrupy goo.*
- Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Today: (After Break Out Group Coffee Time) DEACONS MEETING at 12:30
- Meal Program Every Day, 11am-1pm
- 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
- INVITATION FROM SESSION (Chuck Ferrell)- We will support you if you want to start a small group around a particular interest

NEXT SUNDAY - **JUBILEE Sunday** to mark a new fall with classes, groups and Soul Possibilities offerings. Reaffirmation of baptism! (Have a bowl of water ready at home.)

Session has voted to allow 15 worship participants, plus 5 worship leaders.
Windows will be open and everybody needs to wear a mask.
Sign up with Debbie, Katie or Burns to have a space.

OCTOBER 4: Proposed Ordination of Kayla at Camp Wilmot.

OCTOBER 11,18,25 - A re-tooled, ZOOM style "Let's Talk" Campaign of one-on-one's

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.

* 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 – *Holy, Holy, Holy (#1)*

Alison and Peter Slade

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons Blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee.
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee.
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Oh thy works shall praise Thy name In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three persons Blessed Trinity

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Lauren Basler & Andy Ward

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 - Ways to Connect and Grow this Fall

Katie Cole

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

LET'S TALK – Sign up for Oct. 11, 18, 25

PRAYER REQUESTS

From Our Children

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

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER: Deb Duval

* HYMN #396 - "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" (*Holy Manna*)

Burns

1. Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.
2. Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

3. Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace, and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary, pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound;
Pray, oh, pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

4. Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to Heaven, at His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:2-15

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

A Virtual Choir Video

MESSAGE Plant Lice for the Journey

(Burns)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Led by the Authors of the Statement

(all words are from the confirmation faith statements of Thomas, Kaden, Luis, Samuel, Andrew, Daniel)

(SAMUEL) 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.

(DANIEL) 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.

(ANDREW) 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.

(THOMAS) 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.

(LUIS) 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.

(KADEN) 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

(sanctuary)

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

THE SACRAMENT of BAPTISM – Jonah Stansifer (With the family of Paul, Katie & Mark Stansifer)

Baptism Song- Every Father, Every Mother (Mike Motia)

ALL JOIN IN TO SING:

Every mother, Every father
Called to raise up Sons or daughters
May your heart be patient
May your mind be clear
May our God be with you
And calm — Your — Fears

Prayer

*SENDING SONG — *Take me to the River* (Burns)

Take me to the river (3x) To be baptized
I know I've been forgiven (3x).... Yes I do
I Love Jesus (3x).... Yes I do
Glory Hallelujah (3x)... To be baptized

*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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