

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day    September 27, 2020

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PRELUDES

A Video with Ingrid Gerdes  
Jon Hazilla and Burns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY is Jubilee, a day to launch into a new fall, even in these challenging times. You're your water ready to remember our baptisms!
  - After Worship: Break Out Group Coffee Time
  - This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
  - Meal Program Every Day, 11am-1pm,
  - Learning Pod takes place in 5 Vinton for students doing remote learning. (See Katie to get on the list)
  - Thursday: In-Person Worship - You have the option to attend 6pm service in person,
- \* TODAY and the NEXT FIVE SUNDAYS, we are allowing 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT 4, 3pm      Ordination of Kayla at Camp Wilmot. (You are invited to drive up there)

OCTOBER 11,18,25 - A re-tooled, ZOOM style "Let's Talk" Campaign of one-on-one's. After worship on these three Sundays, all who sign up will have two 15-minute individual conversations through Zoom Break out.

- \* NEW BOOK STUDY: Starting Wednesday, 6:40pm-7:30: *My Grandmother's Hands*  
This widely praised book draws on the recent research on trauma to address our challenges with respect to race. The author's brother is a Minnesota police author and there is attention (and body exercises) for "Black Lives," "White Lives" and "Blue Lives." This book is also being read by all new ministerial students at Harvard Divinity School. AVAILABLE for \$15 on Amazon. Burns will have four copies to sell directly. **STARTS WEDNESDAY ON ZOOM. THE LINK WILL BE ON THE WEBSITE.**

- \* **Are you interested in Membership Class?** Alexa, Barbara, Joe and Holly are; and we are happy to add more. Burns is looking to schedule a two hour session on a Saturday morning in October. (Maybe Oct. 18 or 25?) Tell Burns if you are interested.

Fourth Presbyterian Church invites you to our  
2020 Talent Extravaganza

***FORGING AHEAD at FOURTH***  
*A Celebration of Love, Mission & Community*

Saturday, November 7, 7pm-8:15  
A Zoom Fund-Raiser Event

We are looking for Sponsors and Host Committee Members!

*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: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: This is the temple the Lord has blessed.

P: Let us use it to glorify God's name!

L: This is the Jubilee! Our debts are forgiven!

P: We are free to create a new life.

L: We are free to serve our neighbor with love in our heart.

P: We are free to serve God with joy in our soul.

**All: Alleluia! Let us worship God!**

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

\*HYMN – *In the Sweet By and By* *Ingrid and Burns (video)*

There's a land that is fairer than day,

And by faith we can see it afar;

For the Father waits over the way

To prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet by and by,

We shall meet on that beautiful shore; (repeat)

We shall sing on that beautiful shore

The melodious songs of the blessed;

And our spirits shall sorrow no more,

Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

In the sweet by and by.....

To our bountiful Father above,

We will offer our tribute of praise

For the glorious gift of His love

And the blessings that hallow our days.

In the sweet by and by,....

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

McNeill Shiner

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 (In the Sanctuary)

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 - Jonah

Katie Cole

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

A Moment for LET's TALK – Sign up for Oct. 11, 18, 25 (Becca Tweedie)

PRAYER REQUESTS –

From The People Gathered in the Sanctuary

From Those Gathered on Zoom

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

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER: Burns

\* HYMN #280 -

*Amazing Grace*

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:10-4:11 Holly Holder Sanchez

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Baptism Song* *A Virtual Choir Video*

MESSAGE "From Jonah: An Exercise for the Journey" Burns

\*REAFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY & LITANY OF COMMITMENT Dave Courage (in the sanctuary)

Leader: *Where there is anger,*

People: *Where there is pain,*

L: *Where there is injustice,*

P: *Where there is grief,*

All: *We are called to love.*

L: *We are called to love when we are afraid.*

P: *We are called to love when we are weary.*

All: Together, We promise to love God and God's people in this neighborhood of South Boston. May God bless our promise.

L: *Because we love this city,*

P: *And long for healing,*

L: *Because we love the people whose faces are alike and unlike ours,*

P: *And strive for justice,*

L: *Because we love the Gospel of Jesus Christ,*

P: *And believe in the Spirit,*

All: *We promise this day to heal and to hope, to serve and to love, with our feet on the pavement, with our arms around each other, with courage in our hearts, with our hands in the hands of God.*

OFFERING A Word from our Treasurer as Today Marks the End of the Third Quarter  
(Susan Devine 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*

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM & MINISTRY

Songs (& Spoons!) Along the Way

Jon and Burns

*Come and go with me to that land (3x) ... where I'm bound*

*No more hatred in that land .....*

\*SENDING SONG — *Down By the Riverside* (Jon & Burns)

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside.....(3x)  
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield Down by the riverside  
I ain't gonna study - war no more  
I ain't gonna study war no more  
Ain't gonna study war no more  
I ain't gonna study war no more (chorus again)

I'm gonna put on my long, white robe Down by the riverside  
Etc....

I'm gonna lay down my heavy load Down by the riverside (Etc.)

\*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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