

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day    October 4, 2020

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## PRELUDES

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"  
"What's Going On"

A Video with Joe Welker  
Burns, Lizzie, Willie & All of you

"Come and Get Your Love"

I-ai-ai (I-ai-ai), You-ooh-ooh (You-ooh-ooh), Wee (Wee)  
ARE BELOVED COMMUNITY.

Come and get your love (3x) in beloved community!

The neighbor on your left (repeat) The neighbor on your right (repeat)

All of us together ARE BELOVED COMMUNITY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY is World Communion, when churches are celebrating the sacrament world-wide. For those at home, please have bread and drink nearby.
- TODAY at Camp Wilmot, NH: Kayla McKinsey is ordained as a Minister of Word & Sacrament
- 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 or to volunteer)
  - Food Pantry Truck is unloaded FRIDAY afternoon (Sign up with Christine Keller)
  - Wednesday Book Study: "My Grandmother's Hands"

- \* TODAY and the NEXT FOUR 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.***

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: 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 still has 3 four copies to sell directly. **It is not too late to join us!! Read the first FOUR chapters. The link is on the website.**

- \* **Are you interested in Membership Class?** Alexa, Barbara, Joe and Holly are; and we are happy to add more. **OCTOBER 24 (Saturday), 9:30am-11:30am.** Zoom link, with in person arrangements if you do not do Zoom. 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: 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 #687 *Our God Our Help in Ages Past*

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while troubles last, And our eternal home!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Tim, Michelle, Jenny

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!

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 #291 -

*Spirit*

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;*

*"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."*

*CHORUS: Spirit, spirit of gentleness.....*

*You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. CHORUS*

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. CHORUS*

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. CHORUS*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 90: 1-6, 14-17

Julie Kurtz & Joseph Keller  
Carrie Vonmuench

ANTHEM *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

*Voice from The Globe*

MESSAGE *"God of the World"*

Burns

\*AFFIRMATION *Excerpts from the Westminster Confession, Chapter 2 (1647)*

J.Y. Lee  
(in the sanctuary)

With the Divines of Westminster, we affirm that:

There is but one only, living, and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute; ... most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; ...

(God) is the fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, .... In (God's) sight all things are open and manifest, his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to him contingent, or uncertain. God is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. ...

What is the chief end of men and women? To glorify God and fully to enjoy God forever.

OFFERING

(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*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Musical Offering

"From A Distance"

Lizzie, Willie, Burns

\*SENDING SONG — *Love Train* (sanctuary)

People all over the world - Join hands  
Start a Love Train, Love Train (repeat)

Verse: The next stop that we make will be soon  
Tell all the folks in Russia, and China, too  
Don't you know that it's time to get on board  
And let this train keep on riding, riding on through  
CHORUS: *People all over the world...*

All of you brothers over in Africa  
Tell all the folks in Egypt, and Israel, too  
Please don't miss this train at the station  
'Cause if you miss it, I feel sorry, sorry for you  
CHORUS: *People all over the world...*  
BRIDGE: *Ahhhhhhh, let it ride!*  
CHORUS (keep it going....)

\*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

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