

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day October 18, 2020

PRELUDES

..just around the corner is a face of God... Burns, Lizzie, Willie, Jon
"Another Face of God" (Englander/Stamfield)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 TWO 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.

TODAY and NEXT SUNDAY - 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.

- * CONTINUING OUR BOOK STUDY: Wednesday, 6:40pm-7:30: My Grandmother's Hands
This 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. **It is not too late to join us! Our focus this week is chapters 10-14. The link is on the website.**

- * **Are you interested in Membership Class?** Alexa, Barbara, Joe, Peggy and Holly are; and we are happy to add more. **OCTOBER 24 (Saturday), 9:30am-11:15am.** Zoom link, with in person arrangements if you do not do Zoom. Tell Burns if you are interested.

- SERVICE TO REMEMBER DEPARTED LOVED ONES – Sunday, November 1
Please email your names to Burns if you want them read aloud in our worship service. He needs them by Wednesday, October 28 at midnight!

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!

Here is a link for the event:

<http://www.fourthboston.org/fourthfest>

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 #475 *Come Thou Fount*

Come thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home
Jesus, sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood

Ode to grace, how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be
And let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

LITURGY OF CONFESSION (in the sanctuary)

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 -

Katie Cole

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

A Moment for LET's TALK – Today and Next Sunday! (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"
PRAYER EXERCISE, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER: Burns

* HYMN #542 - *God Be With You*

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.

God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you;
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 33: 12-23 Diane Devore

ANTHEM *Roll, Jordan, Roll* Virtual Choir

MESSAGE "Pop" Deb Duval, Pastoral Resident

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community

*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 (the 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

*SENDING SONG — *Over My Head* (sanctuary)

Over my head, I hear music in the air (3x)
There must be a God somewhere.

And when the world is silent, I hear music in the air (3x)
There must be a God somewhere.
OVER MY HEAD...

And when I think of Jesus, I hear music in the air (3x)
There must be a God somewhere.
OVER MY HEAD....

*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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