

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day October 25, 2020

PRELUDES

Ingrid Gerdes (a shared recording)
Michelle and Tim Sanchez

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)
 - Wednesday Book Study: "My Grandmother's Hands" - chp. 15, 16, 17
- Per a recent Session vote:
TODAY thru NOV 22, we are allowing 15 worship ***participants, plus 5 worship leaders.***
Windows will be open and everybody needs to wear a mask.
(If data trends suggest this is unsafe, session may discontinue this practice.)

Sign up with Debbie, Katie or Burns to have a space.

TODAY - last session- 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. GOAL: 60 NUMBER SO FAR: 44

- * 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." **Our focus this week is chapters 15, 16, 17. The Zoom link for the class is on the website.**
- * TODAY at 12:45- Session meets at 12:45 to hear membership requests
- * TODAY at 1pm - We pack up bags for food pantry. (Pizza for volunteers)
- 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 – *Holy, Holy, Holy (#1) (for Christine's mother) The Sanctuary*

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

(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

(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: AMENI

TIME FOR CHILDREN -

(Matias Letelier... with Katie Cole)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

A Moment for LET's TALK – Today! (Becca Tweedie)

PRAYER REQUESTS – From The People Gathered in the Sanctuary
From Those Gathered on Zoom

Katie Cole will share prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"

PRAYER EXERCISE, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER: Burns

*HYMN - *The Servant Song* (#300) (sanctuary)

1. Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey. We're together on the road.
We are here to help each other Walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you; Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven, We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.

6. (Repeat Verse #1)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Burns (sanctuary)
Exodus 18: 13-27 Deb (sanctuary)

ANTHEM *Jesus Christ* (Woody Guthrie) Virtual Choir

MESSAGE "From Me to We"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community Deb Duval

*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)

A Word from Session – Chuck Ferrell

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 — *Them Bones* (sanctuary)

*Follow the verses as they come from the piano,
Sing the chorus loudly (THEM BONES, THEM BONES, THEM DRY BONES),
And **DANCE** for the Action Cam Camera.*

*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

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