

PRELUDES

Holly Aloise  
Compassion Camp Song Collection  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS (more at the bottom of the bulletin)

- TODAY and the NEXT THREE 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.
- “Compassion Camp” Sunday School at 1pm, and “Marvel and Wonder” for high schoolers at 2:30pm
- No Meals Program or Remote Learning Observatory on Monday
- Food Pantry on Tuesday

*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.*

*ARE YOU JOINING US FOR THE FIRST TIME? Please fill out our digital guest book!*

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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 #758

*Why Do Nations Rage Together*

*Why do nations rage together; why in vain do they conspire?*

*Rulers of earth's vast dominions light the skies with martyrs' fire.*

*Truth mistaken, God forsaken, banes of righteousness arise;*

*Yet shall they reap sore displeasure, sure defeat before God's eyes.*

*To the children of the promise God shall give the throne this day.*

*With a scepter forged of iron, they shall dash their foes as clay:*

*Faith revealing, humbly kneeling, quench the fire and sheathe the sword,*

*for God's wrath is quickly kindled; blest are they who serve the Lord.*

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Peggy McPhail (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

Peggy McPhail

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 -

Katie Cole

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

A Moment for LET's TALK -- Sign up for Oct. 11, 18, 25 Becca Tweedie  
PRAYER REQUESTS -- Breakout groups in Zoom, and prayerful group in sanctuary  
PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER: Katie

\* HYMN #816 -

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart though all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.*

*Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt ou inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.*

*Sing, pray and swerve not from God's ways, but do thin won part faithfully.  
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 32:1-14

Debbie Duval

ANTHEM Woyaya

Virtual Fourth Church Choir

MESSAGE

Rev. Ken Grant (zoom)

\*AFFIRMATION *Excerpts from the Scots Confession (1560)*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust.  
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.  
We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, adorned, & called  
from death to life his Kirk in all ages since Adam until the coming of Christ Jesus in the flesh.  
For he called Abraham from his father's country, instructed him, and multiplied his seed;  
he marvelously preserved him, and more marvelously delivered his seed from the bondage  
and tyranny of Pharaoh;  
to them he gave his laws, constitutions, and ceremonies;

to them he gave the land of Canaan;  
after he had given them judges, and afterwards Saul,  
he gave David to be king, to whom he gave promise that of the fruit of his loins should one sit  
forever upon his royal throne.

To this same people from time to time he sent prophets,  
to recall them to the right way of their God, from which sometimes they strayed by idolatry.  
And although, because of their stubborn contempt for righteousness  
he was compelled to give them into the hands of their enemies,  
as had previously been threatened by the mouth of Moses,  
so that the holy city was destroyed,  
the temple burned with fire,  
and the whole land desolate for seventy years,  
yet in mercy he restored them again to Jerusalem,  
where the city and temple were rebuilt,  
and they endured against all temptations and assaults of Satan  
till the Messiah came according to the promise.

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/Malden)  
*With a recording from a past worship service*

\* HYMN #39

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Great is thy faithfulness...*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Great is thy faithfulness...*

\*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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#### MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
  - Meal Program Every Day, 11am-1pm, \*NO MEAL PROGRAM ON MONDAY\*
  - Remote Learning Observatory takes place in 5 Vinton for students doing remote learning. (See Katie to get on the list or to volunteer) \*NO OBSERVATORY ON MONDAY\*
  - Food Pantry is TUESDAY morning (Sign up with Christine Keller)
  - Wednesday Book Study: "My Grandmother's Hands" 6:40pm-7:30:  
*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. It is not too late to join us!! The link is on the website.*
  - Burns is off through Monday! Call Katie or Debbie instead.
- **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!