

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day November 22, 2020

PRELUDES

"Under Pressure"

Tim and Michelle Sanchez (Malden)

"Thank You" (A. Morrissette)

Mac and Jodi Stanfield (Des Moines)

"Love is Here to Stay"

(Willie, Liz, Jon & Burns) (sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
 - Meal Program Every Day, 11am-1pm,
 - (Note- no book club on Wednesday)
- Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to lower the number of people allowed in attend worship IN PERSON, starting next Sunday. From Nov. 29 until December 20, we will be allowing ***11 worship participants, plus 4 worship leaders.***
Windows will be open and everybody needs to wear a mask.
Session will continue to monitor our situation.

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

- * **COME BY TODAY (1-2:30) for Thanksgiving Sandwiches, Sweet Potato Fries & Pumpkin Cheese Cake**
Since we can't have our usual Thanksgiving Potluck, the deacons will make available *Grab N Go Thanksgiving Lunch Sandwiches available at the Church!* Come by, say hello, have a chat (outside, with masks, distanced). We start at 1pm and go until 2:30, while supplies last!

Your Fourth Church Deacons want to help us all CONNECT:

TODAY- come to the church between 1pm & 2:30: Grab N Go Thanksgiving Sandwiches (SEE ABOVE)

Days leading to November 29: GROUP CRAFT: Mini-Advent wreaths to be assembled on the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 29) during worship. Supplies are being delivered!!

ADVENT starts next Sunday, November 29. We'll have weekly communion and the sanctuary will be beautiful. (Thank you Diane, Fiona, Mark, Karen, Barry and others who are making this happen in the next week.) Nightly prayer service will take a new turn on Monday, November 30, and we are looking into the possibility of have regular times when people can pray alone in the sanctuary during the season.

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

L: Enter these gates with thanksgiving,

P: Give thanks to God; Bless the name of the Lord.

L: Praise God with our time and our talents.

P: Praise God with our gifts and our treasure.

L: For God is good! God's love endures forever!

All: WE GATHER TO MEET JESUS.

WE GATHER TO DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO HIS MINISTRY.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND DWELL IN GOD'S SPIRIT.

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

****HYMN #336 - We Gather Together**

We gather togeth-er to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chast-ens and hast-ens His will to make known;
The wicked op-pressing now cease from dis-tressing,
Sing praises to His name: He for-gets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Or -dain -ing, main-tain -ing His kingdom di-vine;
So from the be-ginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glo - ry be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Lead-er tri-umphant,
And pray that Thou still our de-fender wilt be.
Let Thy congre-gation es-cape tribu - lation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(J.Y. Lee 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:

Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

***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 THE Pledge Campaign to Support Ministry in 2021

MOMENTS of GRATITUDE

Susan Devine (South Boston)

Kent Massie (Virginia)

Michele Sigler & Yannis Manuelides (London)

Lori Wallace & Debbie Nicoletlis (New Haven)

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 & LORD'S PRAYER

Burns

***HYMN #721 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore
Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones
You only asked me to follow humbly

CHORUS

O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me
And while smiling have spoken my name
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me
By Your side I will seek other seas

{Chorus in Spanish:}
Señor, me has mirado a los ojos
Et sonriendo has dicho mi nombre
En la arena he dejado mi barca:
Junto a Ti buscaré otro mar

You know so well my possessions
My boat carries no gold and no weapons
You will find there, my nets and labor
CHORUS..... (English or Spanish)

You need my hands full of caring
Through my labors to give others rest
And constant love that keeps on loving
CHORUS.....

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100

PRESENTATION "Gratitude" Jon Hazilla with Burns

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 31-46

ANTHEM *Thank You* Choir with Traveling Solos (all original verses!)
Tim & Michelle
McNeill
Alyce
Christine
Sharon
Andy & Lauren

MESSAGE "Brushing Sacred Royalty"

* UNISON PRAYER [Patrick of Ireland (389-461)]
May the strength of God pilot us. May the power of God preserve us.
May the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us.
May the way of God direct us. May the shield of God defend us.
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil
and the temptations of the world.
May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us.
May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and forevermore. Amen.

OFFERING (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

*HYMN # 700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me – anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me – anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so....
3. I'm gonna pray so...
4. I'm gonna sing so...

*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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