## FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day January 10, 2021

PRELUDES Joe Welker
Mike Motia

ANNOUNCEMENTS Burns Stanfield

# "For Such a Time as This" PLEDGE DRIVE FOR MINISTRY IN 2021

You all have met and surpassed out pledge goal for ministry in 2021.

#### THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru WEDNESDAY, 11am-1pm
- Learning Pod is still on break. We will reopen later this month.
- Wednesday .

Book Study resumes WEDNESDAY, 6:40pm (likely book: Glory Happening; Look for emails to confirm!)

- Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to discontinue in person participation in Sunday worship at least through January 24.
- COMING IN JANUARY

ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLES ARE DUE – This THURSDAY, January 14 at Noon (deacons, food pantry, youth programs, classes, etc....)
ANNUAL REPORT and Budget will be available on Sunday, January 17

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: Sunday, January 24, after worship All by Zoom

We elect officers, receive the annual report & budget,

and vote on the revised pastors' terms of call.

Nominees from the Nominating Committee:

For Session (3 year terms): Christine Keller, Chuck Ferrell, Laura Blanton For Deacon (3 year): Alyce Lee, Dave Courage, Barry Monteiro, Alexa Jackson

( 1 year): Sharon Matthews

For Youth Deacon (1 year): Luis Martinez

For At Large Nominating Committee: Katie Stansifer (3 yr), Betsy Pabon (2 yr)



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: A voice came out of the cloud, saying:

This is my Son, my Chosen: listen to him!

People: You are God's beloved, in you God is well-pleased.

L: And with his God-given belovedness, Jesus began his ministry

P: You are God's beloved, in you God is well-pleased.

L: And baptized in a baptism like his, we continue that ministry, reminding each other along the way:

P: You are God's beloved, in you God is well-pleased.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Leaning, leaning — Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, leaning — Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Leaning...
What have I to dread, what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Leaning...

### LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(Alyce Lee)

<u>Unison Prayer.</u> Gracious and merciful God, Your light makes the world possible. Even in the darkness of these winter days, Your light shines from a hidden place. So many times, we forget to look for You, God. We rush ahead, unconscious of how we hurt ourselves and others. Remind us to look for You. Forgive us for our distracted minds, our anxieties, our pride and the

seeds of our greed. Open our eyes to Your light. Wash us with Your love. Help us to receive You in our daily lives. Amen

<u>Time for Silent Confession</u> <u>Suna Response</u>: (#740)

Lead me, Guide me, along the way. For if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord (3x), Lead me.

\*LITURGY OF PARDON (Alyce Lee)

Leader: Beloved, let us proclaim the good news:

People: God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love

Leader: Claimed as God's own, let us bear witness to the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia, Amen!

SING: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x) Let it shine (3x)

TIME FOR CHILDREN -

(Matias and Marlana Letelier)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS – From Those in the Sanctuary

From Those Gathered on Zoom

Deb will share prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"

PASTORAL PRAYER Burns

\*HYMN "Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean" (from the Welsh Revival of 1904-5) (Mike Motia)

Here is love, vast as the ocean Loving kindness as the flood When the Prince of Life, our Ransom Shed for us His precious blood Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten

Throughout Heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion

Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love, like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
And Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a quilty world in love

Here is love that conquered evil:

Christ, the firstborn from the grave; Death has failed to be found equal To the life of Him Who saves. In the valley of our darkness Dawned His everlasting light; Perfect love in glorious radiance Has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure, Mocked and slain by hateful men, Lives and reigns in resurrection And can never die again. Here is love for all the ages, Radiant Sun of Heav'n He stands, Calling home His Father's children, Holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; Countless as the stars above Are the souls that He has ransomed, Precious daughters, treasured sons. We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time; Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit Now with man are intertwined.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Genesis 1: 1-5

> Mark 1: 4-11 (Lori Wallace & Debbie Nicolellis)

SPECIAL MUSIC Keep Your Eyes on the Prize (Start in the Sanctuary)

(The Andersons) (Mac & Jodi) (Lauren & Andy)

MESSAGE "A Reveal at the Outset: Deep, Deep Love"

UNISON PRAYER (Deb Duval)

Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;

where we have been confused, grant us your quidance;

where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;

where we have been dead, grant us your life.

Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing; in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

**OFFERING** (Luis Martinez)

We can give online at <a href="https://www.fourthboston.org">www.fourthboston.org</a> 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

REMEMBERING THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD -(sanctuary)

Please anoint each other in your household with water and a blessing:

\_, you are God's beloved. In you God is well pleased.

God has for you a deep, deep love."

Please consider sending reminder of God's love to each other through:

Private chat

A text or email

A phone call

MUSIC (while you anoint and send messages) "How Deep Is Your Love"

Prayer

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

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