

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day January 17, 2021

PRELUDES

*Heaven Help Us All
I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free*

Burns, Grace, Nathan
Tim and Michelle
(video) Betsy & Burns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2020 Annual Report and a Draft Budget for 2021 are available

They were sent out last night in a mass email.
If you did not get them, reach out to Burns at bstanfield@hds.harvard.edu.

NEXT SUNDAY is the Annual Meeting of the Congregation

We will receive the annual report,
VOTE on revised terms of call for our Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor, and
ELECT officers.

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)

- 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 on WEDNESDAY, 6:40pm (Glory Happening: read through p. 71)
- 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 SOON:
 - SESSION meets this Tuesday at 7pm
 - Ordination of New Elders and Deacons - JANUARY 31
 - DEACONS retreat (zoom) Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30-12
 - ASH WEDNESDAY and the beginning of LENT - FEB. 17

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: How sweet to have this time with God.
People: How wonderful to have this place and this body.
L: God, we are your people;
P: And we seek to follow you, to serve you.
L: To dwell with you
All: AND TO HEAR YOU.
L: Open our eyes and ears,
P: Speak to us, and bless these songs and prayers of your people.
Anoint, we pray, this gathering of the Body of Christ.

*HYMN #69 - Here I Am, Lord (*sanctuary*)

I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord If You lead me I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord.....(chorus)

I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord... (chorus)

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(Liz Stanfield & Willie Archibald)

Unison Prayer. 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

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response: (#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

(Liz & Willie)

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 -

(Katie Cole)

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 & LORD'S PRAYER Burns

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

home, Barry, Mcneill, lauren, Joe, , home

1. Will you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you. (Sanctuary)
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. (Barry Monteiro)
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. (McNeill Shiner)
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. (Julie Kurtz)
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 (Joe Welker)
Born of all we've known together Of Christ's love and agony.
6. (Repeat Verse #1) (sanctuary)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Samuel 3: 1-10
John 1: 43-51

(Sharon Matthews)
(John Caputo)

