

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day January 31, 2021

PRELUDES	<i>Lean on Me</i> <i>A Song from Andy's place</i> <i>I Hear A Call</i>	Ingrid, Burns & Jon (Sanctuary)
ANNOUNCEMENTS		

TODAY- Virtual Coffee Time

After the postlude, we will take 5 minutes to say hello to the big group, Then we will split randomly into small groups and give you 15 minutes to say hello, perhaps meet somebody new, or catch up a bit. Then we'll come together for group greetings as you choose.

THIS AFTERNOON: Tom Reid (former intern and current friend of 4th) will be Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at 3pm (at Church of the Covenant)
Attend by Zoom ; and please note that you need to register ahead of time to attend: [click here](#).

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru WEDNESDAY, 11am-1pm - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Wednesday – Book Study on WEDNESDAY, 6:40pm
(Glory Happening: Our last week with the book. Pick any favorite essay!)
And more important: Write notes about **your own experiences this week** identifying moments of Glory.
Aim for “a moment a day” and share thoughts in our group
- Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to continue with NO IN-PERSON participation in Sunday worship at least through February 14.
- COMING SOON:
 - DEACONS retreat (zoom) Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30-12
 - ASH WEDNESDAY and the beginning of LENT - FEB. 17 –
 - Short Service (outside) at Fourth Church, 10:45am
 - Ashes Available from clergy & other leaders, 11am-5pm
 - Evening ZOOM Service (with communion) 6pm-6:45
- LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK - Laura Blanton is assembling it. She needs 40 people to write short devotional reflections on Bible verses. Please volunteer with her and say YES if she asks you! **The book will be available FEBRUARY 14**
- LENT in 2021: “Consider the Habits That Shape Our Lives”
Weekly Gatherings include: Devotional Practice: “Dwelling in the Word” (like lectio divina)
A Practice of Study: Reading CASTE by Isabel Wilkerson (proposed) 12 Steps and Christianity
Communion every Sunday

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.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM
PRAYER

(Luis Martinez)
(Katie Cole)

*HYMN #726 – *The Summons (The sanctuary)*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(The Jacobs Family)

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

(The Jacobs)

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 (#729) *Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart (sanctuary)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart (2x)

In my heart, In my heart, Lord I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart...

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart...

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart...

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Mark 1: 21-28

(Deb Duval)
(Carrie Vonuench)

SPECIAL MUSIC

He's Never Failed Me Yet

(virtual choir video)

MESSAGE

"Teaching With Authority"

Rev. Deb Duval, Pastoral Resident

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Sanctuary)

We are not alone. We live in God's World.

We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the
Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve
others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION of Officers (Sanctuary and Spotighting of our New Officers)

Deacons: Alyce Lee, Dave Courage, Barry Monteiro, Alexa Jackson, Sharon Matthews, Luis Martinez

Elders: Christine Keller, Chuck Ferrell, Laura Blanton

Nominating Committee: Katie Stansifer, Betsy Pabon

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of him.

Constitutional Questions and Prayer

*HYMN - *Lift Every Voice and Sing (#339)*

The Sanctuary Band

Lift ev'ry voice and sing 'Til earth and heaven ring

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty

Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let us march on 'til victory is won

Stony the road we trod Bitter the chastening rod

Felt in the days when hope unborn had died

Yet with a steady beat Have not our weary feet

Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered

We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered

Out from the gloomy past 'Til now we stand at last

Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand May we forever stand
True to our God True to our native land

*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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