

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day February 14, 2021

PRELUDES

Phos Hilaron
Shine Jesus Shine
Transfiguration

Mike Motia
Joe Welker
Michelle & Tim Sanchez

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru Friday, 11am-1pm - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Weekly Prayer Groups sponsored by the deacons (links on website; each is 30 minutes long):
 - Mondays at 8am with Brent
 - (Wednesdays at 8am – on hold, but could return soon!)
 - Thursdays at 8pm with Jacob B and Laura M
 - Fridays at 8:30am with Michelle
- **Wednesday -- ASH WEDNESDAY and the beginning of LENT - FEB. 17 --**
 - o 10:45 am - Short Service (outside) at Fourth Church
 - o 11am - 5pm - Ashes Available from clergy & other leaders
 - o 6pm - 6:45pm - Evening ZOOM Service (with communion)
- LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK - Available online today!
 - o **Printed Copies at the church for Ash Wednesday. Deliveries by special arrangement.**
- LENT in 2021: "Consider the Habits That Shape Us"
Weekly Gatherings include Prayer Groups and these Lenten offerings:
 - MONDAYS (4:30-5:30) - Devotional Practice: "Dwelling in the Word" (like lectio divina)
Starts Feb. 22 at 4:30 with Rev. Deb
 - TUESDAYS (6:40-7:30) - A Practice of Study: Reading CASTE by Isabel Wilkerson
Starts Feb. 23 at 6:40 with Rev. Burns (Feb. 23, March 2,6,23,30)
 - WEDNESDAYS 12 Steps and Christianity at 6:40-7:30 (using the Big Book)
 - SUNDAYS - 9:30 Class with Becca; 10:45 Worship with weekly communion
Now thru Feb. 28; finishing series on Hermeneutics
Starting March 7: The Science of Habit

GBIO Update

After a period of outreach, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization "Refounds" and Re-engages this Spring.

Special Events for Fourth Church, a founding member of GBIO:

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10am: Individual meetings with leaders St. Monica's RC Church (our neighbor and a new GBIO member!) (See Becca)

Tuesday, March 16 - (On Zoom) A major assembly to present to the public a rejuvenated GBIO with 15 new member organizations

We want to be Fourth Church Strong **with at least 20 leaders present**

March- May: A campaign of house meetings to identify are major concerns
(A zoom campaign. Tell Laura Blanton or Burns if you want to help organize)
We can ultimately present our key issues to mayoral candidates

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.

Leader: God says, "I have set my ruler on Mount Zion."

People: I will tell of the decree of God.

L: God led Moses up the mountain.

P: And there Moses saw the glory of God.

L: God led Peter, James and John to the mountain.

P: And there they saw the light of the Christ.

L: God leads us to the temple.

**All: And here we seek the glory of God, the light of Christ,
and the breath of the Holy Spirit.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM
PRAYER

Arianah Hamilton
Rev. Katie Cole

*HYMN #409

God is Here!

Sanctuary

*God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

*Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

*Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.*

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

David Courage

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

Sanctuary

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

David Courage

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)*

Sanctuary

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Matias Letelier

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

Breakout Groups

PRAYER REQUESTS -- Breakout groups
Everyone will be broken into groups of 3-4 for 5 minutes
Deb will share prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"

PASTORAL PRAYER Katie

*HYMN # 191
Tune Beach Spring

*We Have Come at Christ's Own
Bidding*

Sanchez Family

*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

*Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.*

*Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Debbie Duval

SPECIAL MUSIC

Perfect Praise

(Virtual Choir)

MESSAGE

"Power of the Imagination"

Rev. Katie Cole

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John Caputo

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

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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

SENDING SONG

Love Will Guide Us

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*Love will guide us, Peace has tried us; Hope inside us will lead the way
On the road from greed to giving, Love will guide us through the dark night*

*If you cannot sing like angels, If you cannot speak before thousands
You can give from deep within you, You can change the world with your love
Love will guide us...*

*You are like no other being - What you can give no other can give
To the future of our precious children, To the future of the world where we live
Love will guide us...*

*Hear the song of deep within you, Heed the song of peace in your heart
Spring's new beginning will lead to harvest, Love will guide us on our way.
Love will guide us...*

*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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