FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day February 7, 2021

PRELUDES

Jesus Christ/Alleluia (W. Guthrie) Living Prayer I'm Getting Ready (M. Kiwanuka) *Virtual Choir* Alison & Peter Slade, Burns Liz & Willie Archibald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Week: Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru WEDNESDAY, 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 . Discussion Group on Glory in Everyday Life, 6:40pm THIS WEEK ONLY- Erik Jacobs join us to discuss his article "Home," published in Emergence Magazine. Reflections on cancer, the pandemic and discovery in a small yard. <u>https://emergencemagazine.org/story/home/</u>
- 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:
 - 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
- <u>LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK</u> 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 NEXT SUNDAY.

Printed Copies at the church for Ash Wednesday. Deliveries by special arrangement.
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• LENT in 2021: "Consider the Habits That Shape Our Lives"

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 <u>CASTE</u> by Isabel Wilkerson Starts Feb. 23 at 6;40 with Rev. Burns (Feb. 23, March 2,6,23,30)
WEDNESDAYS (proposed) 12 Steps and Christianity at 6:40
SUNDAYS - 9:30 Class with Becca; 10;45 Worship with weekly communion

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

* 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

(Lijah Blue and the Jacobs household) (Katie Cole)

*HYMN #43 – On Eagle's Wings

(The sanctuary)

You who dwell In the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in his shadow for life,

Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagles' wing, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear: Under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. And he will....

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. And he will...

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone... And he will...

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(The Sanchez 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

<u>Time for Silent Confession</u> <u>Sung 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

(The Sanchezes)

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

AN INVITATION FROM OUR MOST RECENT CONFIRMED MEMBERS Ailsa & Kaden 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

MN God of Love, We've Known Division (sanctuary) Tune is #490 (BEACH SPRING) Words by Carolyn Gillette (Catherine's mother) God of love, we've known division and we've seen its awful cost. We have struggled as a nation, and there's much that we have lost. We have been a house divided — and, divided, we can't stand. May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.

Turn us, Lord, from what divides us — fear that drives us far apart, greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart. May we seek what brings together — hearts that bear each other's pain, care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.

May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well. May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell. May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their worldview; May we serve with one another — loving others, loving you.

You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way. It's your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day. May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear. Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.

SCRIPTURE READINGS	lsaiah 40:21-31 Mark 1: 29-39	(sanctuary) (Ken Grant)		
SPECIAL MUSIC	Where Could I Go	(virtual choir video)		
MESSAGE	"Kicking Up Dust in Service"			
 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 <u>www.fourthboston.org</u> OR send a check to Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127				
DOXOLOGY		Grandma Jenny (in Somerville) ding from a past worship service		
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S Musical Offering		(Deb, Katie, Burns) Peter and Alison (Sanctuary)		
*HYMN - Arise Your Light Is Come! (Sanctuary) Arise, your light is come! the Spirit's call obey; Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.				
Arise your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.				
	Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.			
	e! The mountains burst in song ne wing; God's power will mak			

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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