

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day February 21, 2021

PRELUDES

Tim & Michelle Sanchez
Liz & Willie Archibald
Betsy Pabon & Burns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This Week: Lenten 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
- MONDAY Lenten opportunity: 4:30-5:30 with Deb – “Dwelling in the Word” (like lectio divina)
- TUESDAY Lenten Book Club: 6:40-7:30 with Burns – reading Caste by Isabel Wilkerson
(for this week read Part 1 and Part 2)
- WEDNESDAY Lenten discussion: 6:40-7:30 with Ken, Mark, Burns & others: 12 & Christianity, using as our resource “The Big Book.” (For this week read “The Doctor’s Opinion” as intro)
- Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to continue with NO IN-PERSON participation in Sunday worship through March 7..
- LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK (with photos by Stephanie Martin Glennon)- Available NOW on our website in a beautiful PDF (thank you, Laura!). Limited number of hard copies available at church.
- LENT in 2021: “Consider the Habits That Shape Our Lives”
We offer all of the above THROUGHOUT LENT, plus Becca’s Sunday class at 9:30. She has one more week on Hermeneutics, then she starts a new class on March 7: THE SCIENCE OF HABIT...

GBIO Update

After a period of outreach, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization “Refunds” 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: Brothers and sisters, How lovely is God's dwelling place!

People: At God's altars, even the sparrow finds a home for herself

L: The Spirit invites us in these 40 days of wilderness to examine our lives

P: Consider the habits that shape us.

L: We bring to this moment our best instincts and we bring those we pray might change

P: With Jesus we step into the wilderness, walking a Holy Way

L: Take, o take us as we are, Holy God

P: Summon out what we will be.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM

(Jessica Gao)

Testimony on "Consider the Habits That Shape Us (Diane Devore)

PRAYER

(Katie Cole)

*HYMN #783 – *When We Are Tested*

(The sanctuary)

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
Famished for bread when the world offers stone,
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
Food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
Trading the truth for the power to control,
Teach us to worship and praise only you,
Seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,
Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(sanctuary)

Unison Prayer. Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,
the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,
see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed,
have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response: (#698)

Take O take me as I am. Summon out what I may be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*LITURGY OF PARDON

Leader: Seekers of the Holy, God's love calls to us

People: In Christ, God places in us a divine compass

L: The Spirit that always points us toward God

P: Let us turn toward God, who calls us home!

L: And let us say together:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SING: 1. *I've got a feeling everything's gonna be alright.....*
2. *The Holy Ghost done told me...*

TIME FOR CHILDREN -

(Katie Cole)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS – Shared in 5-minute small groups
From Those Gathered on Zoom Chat Line

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

* HYMN (#221) *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (sanctuary)

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown!
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain.
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place.
Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest Friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, And should I fainting be,
Lord, let never, never Outlive my love to thee.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 1: 9-15 (Diane Devore)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Holy Way* (virtual choir video)

MESSAGE "Consider the Habits that Shape Us"

UNISON PRAYER (written by Howard Thurman) (Jill Ramos)

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace."

Teach me how to order my days that with sure touch I may say the right word at the right time
and in the right way – lest I betray the spirit of peace.

Let me not be deceived by my own insecurity and weakness which would make me hurt another
as I try desperately to help myself.

Keep watch with me, Holy God, over the days of my life, that with abiding enthusiasm I may be
in such possession of myself that each day I may offer to Thee the full, unhampered use of me in all
my parts as "an instrument of Thy Peace." Amen.

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Burns, Deb, Katie, Burns)
Musical Offering *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* Betsy Pabon (Sanctuary)

*HYMN #822 – *When We Are Living (Pues si vivimos)* (The sanctuary)

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

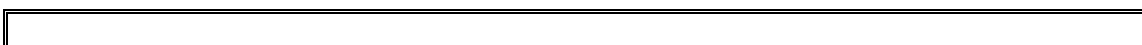
Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind,
But when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

*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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