

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day February 28, 2021

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| PRELUDES | <i>Peace (Horace Silver)</i> | Jon Hazilla, Ingrid Gerdes & Burns<br>Liz Stanfield & Willie Archibald (in NH) |
|          | <i>Reflection</i>            | Jon  |

## 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  
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 3)
- WEDNESDAY Lenten discussion: 6:40-7:30 with Ken, Mark, Burns & others: 12 Steps & Christianity, using as our resource “The Big Book.” (For this week on Step 1, read Ch.1,2,3)
- 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.. (They are meeting on March 9)
- 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. Please tell us ASAP if you want one.
- LENT in 2021: “Consider the Habits That Shape Our Lives”  
**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS: “The Science of Habit”**  
This starts next Sunday, March 7, 9:30am, led by Becca Tweedie

### 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:

**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**  
**REGISTER thru link in the CHAT (or tell Laura, Burns or Becca)**

**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.*

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## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Testimony on "Consider the Habits That Shape Us" (Christine Keller)  
PRAYER (Katie Cole)

\* HYMN *The Old Rugged Cross* (sanctuary)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary  
So I'll cherish....

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share

LITURGY OF CONFESSION (Laura Massie in the 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  
Deb will share prayer requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section"  
PASTORAL PRAYER Burns

\* HYMN (#217) *On a Barren Hilltop* (sanctuary)

On a barren hilltop just outside the walls  
Of an ancient city as the evening falls,  
Speaks a dying figure hanging on a tree,  
Saying "It is finished," words of victory.

Tested just as we are, in a world of strife,



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