FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day March 14, 2021

PRELUDES

Jon, Willie, Liz, Burns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are now allowing up to 20 people to be present in-person for Sunday worship.

Please sign up ahead of time (online, or with Rev. Debbie).

Follow protocol: Masks, social distancing, online pre-screen.

Tuesday, March 16, is the one year anniversary of our evening Zoom Prayer Services.

Please join us promptly at 6pm for a special edition.

GBIO Update

This Tuesday is also the day for the GBIO "Refounding" Action on Zoom, 7pm-8:15

We welcome 19 new member institutions!!
950 registered to attend so far.
LAURA BLANTON HAS THE REGISTRATION LINK in the CHAT

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.

TRAINING FOR LEADING ZOOM HOUSE MEETINGS: March 23 and March 30

- This Week: Lenten Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom) TUESDAY is the One Year Anniv.
- Meals every day, Monday thru Friday, 11am-1pm VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Learning Pod on WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER with KATIE
- 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 <u>Caste</u> by Isabel Wilkerson (**NO CLASS this week. Please attend GBIO Tuesday night!!** For March 23, read Part 5)
- 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 3, read Ch. 5)
- <u>LENT in 2021:</u> "Consider the Habits That Shape Our Lives"
 <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS:</u> "The Science of Habit" 9:30am, led by Becca

HOLY WEEK: (more planning on the way, but so far we have....)

Palm Sunday (March 28)- We present the Passion Play in a hybrid version on Zoom Maundy Thursday (April 1)- Still in the works.... Maybe outdoor food?... Good Friday (April 2)- OUTDOOR Stations of the Cross, 10:45am at St. Monica's Easter (April 4)- OUTDOOR Sunrise Service with Roxbury Pres, 6:15am, CARSON BEACH

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: 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: <u>Consider the habits that shape us.</u>
- 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

(Barry Monteiro) (Katie Cole)

(Grayson Slade)

*HYMN – O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

(#618) (Tune is #847, O WALY WALY) Words by Thomas a Kempis, 15th cent.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.

Interlude...

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death, for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent the Spirit here to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

Interlude...

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad, the Trinity whom we adore

forever and forevermore. Forever and forevermore.

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(J.Y.Lee, in the sanctuary)

<u>Unison Prayer.</u> 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.

<u>Time for Silent Confession</u> <u>Sung Response</u>: (#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 – Requests in the sanctuary

Requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section" (shared by Deb Duval)

PASTORAL PRAYER Burns

*HYMN – There is a Wideness in God's Mercy (435)

(The Sanchez Home)

There's a wideness in God's mercy ,like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.

There is - no place where earth's sorrows

are more- felt than up in heaven:

There is—no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,

and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Numbers 21: 4-9 (Joe Welker)

John 3: 14-21 (sanctuary)

SPECIAL MUSIC Are There Anybody Here.... (virtual choir video)

MESSAGE "A Love So Broad, So Deep" (sanctuary)

UNISON PRAYER (written by Howard Thurman) (Joe Welker)

"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

(Revs. Deb and Burns)

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Musical Offering

*SENDING SONG- Rock a My Soul (Traditional Spiritual (Sanctuary)

Rock-a-my soul in the bosom of Abraham (3x)

O Rock-a-my soul.

So high, you can't get over it,

So low, you can't get under it,

So wide, you can't around it,

You've got to go in through the door.

*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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