

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day March 7, 2021

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## PRELUDES

Grace & Burns Stanfield  
Mike Motia  
Tim and Michelle Sanchez

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DEACONS meet today at 12:30. SESSION meets Tuesday at 7:30 pm.
- This Week: Lenten Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru Friday, 11am-1pm - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Learning Pod on WEDNESDAY and additional days this week – 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 Caste by Isabel Wilkerson (for this week read Part 4)
- 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 2, read Ch. 4)
- Mindful of day-to-day changes in COVID numbers, Session has voted to continue with NO IN-PERSON participation in Sunday worship through today.. (They are meeting on Tuesday)
- LENTEN DEVOTION BOOK (with photos by Stephanie Martin Glennon)- Available NOW on our website in a beautiful PDF (thank you, Laura!). Two more hard copies available at church!
- LENT in 2021: “Consider the Habits That Shape Our Lives”  
**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS: “The Science of Habit”**  
Today and three more Sundays, 9:30am, led by Becca Tweedie

### **GBIO Update**

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

**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.

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

*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 (Sylvia Ramos)  
Testimony on "Consider the Habits That Shape Us (Jill Ramos)  
PRAYER (Katie Cole)

\*HYMN – *What Wondrous Love is This (#215)* (sanctuary)

What wondrous love is this, oh my soul, oh my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, oh my soul!!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down!!  
When I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing!!  
To God and to the Lamb- who is the Great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!!  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on !!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION (Lauren Basler and Andy Ward)

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 - (Matias Letelier)

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 (415) *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* (sanctuary)

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready, stands to save you  
Full of pity, love and power

CHORUS I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Every grace that brings you nigh  
CHORUS I will arise..

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden  
Lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry 'til you're better  
You will never come at all  
CHORUS I will arise ...

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream.  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him.  
CHORUS I will arise...

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 20:1-17 (Alyce Lee and Katie Cole)  
John 2:13-22 (sanctuary)

SPECIAL MUSIC *POLAND* (virtual choir video)

MESSAGE " True to Sinai" (sanctuary)

UNISON PRAYER (written by Howard Thurman) (Deb Duval )

"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 (Deb Duval)

We can give online at [www.fourthboston.org](http://www.fourthboston.org) OR send a check to  
Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127

A Moment for Our Common Cathedral Offering (Kaden Jacobs)

DOXOLOGY Tim, Michelle, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jenny (in Somerville)  
*With a recording from a past worship service*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Revs. Katie and Burns)  
Musical Offering *Hard Times*

\*HYMN – *I Danced in the Morning* (157) (Sanctuary)

I danced in the morning When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
 And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
 And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he  
 I danced for the scribe And the pharisee,  
 But they would not dance And they wouldn't follow me.  
 I danced for the fishermen, For James and John  
 They came with me And the Dance went on.  
 Dance, then, wherever you may be.....  
 I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame;  
 The holy people Said it was a shame.  
 They whipped and they stripped And they hung me on high,  
 And they left me there On a Cross to die.  
 Dance, then, wherever you may be....  
 I danced on a Friday When the sky turned black  
 It's hard to dance With the devil on your back.  
 They buried my body And they thought I'd gone,  
 But I am the Dance, And I still go on.  
 Dance, then, wherever you may be.....  
 They cut me down And I leapt up high;  
 I am the life That'll never, never die;  
 I'll live in you If you'll live in me -  
 I am the Lord Of the Dance, said he.  
 Dance, then, wherever you may be...

\*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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