

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day EASTER SUNDAY April 11, 2021

PRELUDES

<i>Do Lord</i>	<i>Sanctuary Singers</i>
<i>This Ol Building (video)</i>	<i>Jimmie Lou Collins</i>
<i>Don't Let the Devil Ride (video)</i>	<i>Sanchez Family</i>
	<i>Jimmie Lou Collins</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are allowing 30 persons to be present in-person for Sunday worship.
Please sign up ahead of time and follow protocol: Masks, social distancing, online pre-screen.

- DEACONS meet today at 12:30
- This Week: Easter Season Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- 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

New Book Club on TUESDAYS, 6:40pm-7:30:
GILEAD by Marilynne Robinson
(A widely acclaimed novel with themes of church, Calvin, American history & beauty)
Please read the first 60 pages for this Tuesday

Four Tuesdays: April 13- May 4
GUEST PRESENTERS TO HELP START OUR CONVERSATIONS:
April 13 – Scott Stanfield (Burns's brother and an English professor)
April 20 - Mike Motia
April 27 – Michelle Sanchez

- WEDNESDAY discussion: 6:40-7:30: 12 Steps & Christianity, using as our resource "The Big Book." (For this week - Step 8 and 9)
- THURSDAY at 6:30pm- SB Assoc of NonProfits hosts the second session of "Courageous Conversations: Panel and discussion on the experience of busiing in South Boston in the 1970s". Register to attend (on Zoom) through Eventbrite or ask Burns.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS: "The Churches That Shaped Us"
Every week at 9:30am, Becca and a special guest lead us in conversations about the spiritual communities from which we come. Guest Presenters each week.

COMING on April 28 "Appreciation Day" presented by your deacons. Details coming!

GBIO's City-Wide Listening Campaign
Here at Fourth Church
Groups of 8 or so gather for a one-hour conversaion
On how we our Boston community might thrive more fully.

Launch: Next Sunday in worship, April 18
First Meetings: After worship on April 24 (Both IN PERSON with snacks and ON ZOOM)
Additional Meetings: Monday evening, Apr 25, Thursday, April 29, and Sunday, May 2

#FedAtFourth – Since we can't have Fourth Fest in person, we are holding another Social Media Campaign to raise funds for the Summer Meals Program and our continued meal service. The big day is TUESDAY, MAY 4, but we are building up to it NOW. Planning this WEDNESDAY, 4:30-5:30 pm. We need EVERYBODY's help with donations and contacts!

Please share your prayer requests on the Chat Line

*CALL TO WORSHIP – Easter Season

Leader: Brothers and sisters, our journey led us to this season.

People: Alleluia, it is the season of the empty tomb.

L: We follow Jesus through his praying, his teaching, his life in this world.

P: We follow him through his healing, his weeping, his aching
and even his death in Jerusalem.

L: And today we follow him in his RISING. Today we embrace his New Life!

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

L: Rise and shine, for the day has come!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM
PRAYER

(Jessica Gao)
(Katie Cole) in the sanctuary)

*HYMN – *Because He Lives*

(Betsy Pabon)

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus

He came to love, heal and forgive

He lived and died to buy my pardon

An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living, just because He lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy He gives

But greater still the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain day, because He lives

CHORUS (Because He lives....)

And then one day, I'll cross the river

I'll fight life's final war with pain

And then, as death gives way to victory

I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

CHORUS

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(Owyn Jacobs)

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

(Katie Cole in the sanctuary)

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 truth of Easter

All: From any tomb of darkness and death, God raises us with the
breath of life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia, Amen!

SING:

1. *I've got a feeling everything's gonna be alright.....*

2. *The Holy Ghost done told me....*

TIME FOR CHILDREN -

(sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

PRAYERS FROM ZOOM WORSHIPPERS - "One Year Later"

Amanda Grant Rose

PRAYER REQUESTS – Requests in the sanctuary
Requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section" (shared by Deb Duval)

PASTORAL PRAYER Burns

*HYMN #726 – *The Summons (The sanctuary)*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Acts 4:32-35* (sanctuary)
John 20: 19-31 (Deb Duval)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Roll, Jordan, Roll* (virtual choir)video)

MESSAGE "*As if the Truth Were True*" Becca Tweedie, Seminarian

*AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH (sanctuary)

Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, today I believe.

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 Jennie (in Malden)
With a recording from a past worship service.

* HYMN (#623) – *I've Got Peace Like A River*

1. I've got peace like a river... 2.joy like a fountain... 3.love like an ocean.... 4. ...peace/joy/love...

*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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