

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day EASTER SUNDAY April 18, 2021

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## PRELUDES

*Wonderful World*

*Jon, Ingrid, Burns  
Mike Motia*

*I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing...*

*Sanctuary Singers*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burns Stanfield

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.

- SESSION meets Tuesday at 7:35pm
- This Week: Easter Season 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

### ***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)*  
**ALL WELCOME.** This is our second session. Please read through page 125 for this Tuesday

*Four Tuesdays: April 13- May 4*

**GUEST PRESENTERS TO HELP START OUR CONVERSATIONS:**

*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 10)
- 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. THIS WEEK: one hour of conversation to follow up presentations from this past week.
- 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!  
Announcement by deacons in the house: Sharon, Cheryl, Alyce, Laura

### ***GBIO's City-Wide Listening Campaign***

#### ***Here at Fourth Church***

*Groups of 8 or so gather for a one-hour conversation  
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**

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\*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

(Emerson Rose)  
(Katie Cole) in the sanctuary)

\*HYMN (#837)

“ Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (sanctuary)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning...

What have I to dread, what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning...

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(The Freeborn Family)

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

(The Freeborn Family)

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 -

(A Video from Matias)

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

MOMENT for Our Listening Campaign - "

Laura Blanton

PRAYER REQUESTS – Requests in the sanctuary

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

PASTORAL PRAYER Burns

\*HYMN (#306) – *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear.  
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*1 John 3:1-3*

(Deb in the sanctuary)

*Luke 24: 36b-48*

(Burns in the sanctuary)

*Acts 4:32-35*

(Deb, Burns, Katie...)

SPECIAL MUSIC

*O Mary, Don't You Weep*

(virtual choir)video)

MESSAGE

" *The Witness of Our We-ness*"

\*AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

(Deb Duval in the 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](http://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.*

\* SENDING SONG – "I Need You to Survive" (sanctuary)

I need you. You need me. We are a part of God's body.  
Stand with me. Agree with me.  
We are a part of God's body.

It is God's will that every need be supplied,  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive.

(REPEAT)

I pray for you. You pray for me. I love you. I need you to survive.  
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.  
I love you. I need you to survive. (Keep repeating)

\*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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