

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day Third Sunday of Eastertide April 25, 2021

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## PRELUDES

*Thank U (A. Morrissette)*

Joe Welker (in sanctuary)

(potentially!) Tim & Michelle Sanchez

You've Got a Friend/Precious Lord

Ingrid & Lauren (sanctuary)

And a response we sing together: *Thank you, Lord (3x). I just want to thank you, Lord!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burns Stanfield

We are allowing 40 persons to be present in-person for Sunday worship.

Please sign up ahead of time and follow protocol: Masks, social distancing, online pre-screen.

- TODAY: Listening Campaign! After service, we break into small groups to share thoughts on how our families and neighborhoods can more fully thrive.
- 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

### ***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 third session. Please read through page 185 for this Tuesday

*Four Tuesdays: April 13- May 4*

**GUEST PRESENTER TO HELP START OUR CONVERSATION:**

*April 27 – Michelle Sanchez*

- WEDNESDAY discussion: 6:40-7:30: 12 Steps & Christianity, using as our resource "The Big Book." (For this week - Step 11, presented by Barbara Erikson)
- 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 May 13, at 6:30pm: SB Assoc of NonProfits hosts the third session of "Courageous Conversations: discussion on the experience of busing in South Boston in the 1970s". Special guest: former Mayor Ray Flynn. Register to attend.*

### ***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.*

***First Meetings: TODAY (Both IN PERSON with snacks and ON ZOOM)***

***Additional Meetings: Monday eve, 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 – Eastertide - Appreciation Day

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

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 during this season of Easter, we follow him in RISING and with gratitude.  
Today we embrace his New Life! Today we say to each other: Thank You.

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

L: Rise, shine and declare this truth!

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM

PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

Aalyeah Marmolejos

Katie Cole

\*HYMN – *We Gather Together (#336)*

*(sanctuary)*

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing  
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning  
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant  
And pray that thou still our defender will be  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Laura Massie, liturgist

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:

*(sanctuary)*

*Draw near to me; Please don't stay away for long  
Draw near to me; My love for you is strong  
For even if you're far away, I hold you in my heart  
I sing a secret song to you, Each day we are apart  
Draw near to me; Though it feels like you are far  
Draw near to me; I'll be for you a guiding star  
I will walk with you, And you can always walk with me  
I'll hold you in my arms again – Draw near to me*

\*LITURGY OF PARDON

Dave Courage (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: *(With Singers in the Sanctuary!)*

*Thank you, Lord (3x).... I just want to thank you, Lord! (repeat)*

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Freeborn Family

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

Write prayer requests in the "Zoom Chat Section

Appreciations by our Deacons

In the sanctuary: Sharon, Barry, Shemiram, Dave, Cheryl, Alyce, Luis

From their homes via Zoom boxes: Alexa, Jacob, Laura M,  
Walter, Brent, Danae

Prayer Requests from the sanctuary

Prayer Requests from the Chat Line - Deb Duval

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer - Burns

\*HYMN - *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (#654)*

The Sanctuary Team

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING I John 3: 16-24  
Philippians 4: 4-8

Katie Cole  
Alyce Lee

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Thank You, Jesus*

A virtual choir video

MESSAGE *Scaffolding*

\*AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

Alexa Jackson

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 first, then Tim, Michelle, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jennie (in Malden)

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

*With a recording from a past worship service*

\*SENDING SONG - *We Will Walk With God* (sanctuary)

1. We will walk with God, my brother, we will walk with God (2x)  
We will go re-joicing, 'till the Kingdom has come (2x)
2. ....my sister....
3. .... my people...
4. ....together....

\*BENEDICTION

Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen! (The Sanctuary Team)

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

POSTLUDE

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