FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day July 11, 2021

PRELUDES

Burns & Sanctuary Singers Mike Motia Shorty Henry (in the sanctuary)

Pastor Burns Stanfield

ANNOUNCEMENTS * CALL TO WORSHIP

> Leader: This is the day the Lord has made! People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. L: Gather and dance with the God who creates and provides: P: A God like a mother , like a father- A God who loves without condition. L: Gather and sing with the God who walks with us & sets for us a table: P: Jesus our brother—who illumines a Way L: Gather and breathe with the God who sustains life & graces the world. P: Come, Holy Spirit, Come ALL: WE DANCE, WE SING, WE BREATHE.. LET US WORSHIP THE LORD.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, A PSALM READING, PRAYER & PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Katie Cole

Betsy Pabon

*HYMN # 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies,Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia!Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In ev'ry land begin the song; To ev'ry land the strains belong; Alleluia!.. In cheerful sound all voices raise, And fill the world with joyful praise. Alleluia!...

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends thy word; Alleluia! ... Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

<u>Unison Prayer</u> Dear, Holy God — We make mistakes. We miss the mark. We do wrong even when we are sure we are doing right. Help us to name those sins. Help us to clear a Way so that your Holy Breath can make its way into our community and our world. Bless this time of confession that we may be honest and fully aware of who we are. Bless this time of confession that we may be touched and fully aware of who YOU are. Hear our confession. And cool us with your Holy Spirit...

Time for Silent Confession

<u>Sung Response (#288)</u> Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me (2x) Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

*LITURGY OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is merciful and kind.

PEOPLE: <u>In Jesus, God reveals a holy love, a love that transcends even death.</u> Leader: As God's children, let us proclaim the good news together:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

<u>Sung Response</u>: God's Love is deep within us, healing us & making us whole (2x)

TIME FOR CHILDREN CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

Katie Cole Burns

Betsy Pabon

Prayer requests from the sanctuary & from the Chat Line Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*HYMN #442

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken ev'ry barrier down. Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Our Waltz: We Love You, Love

You, Love You

SERMON

ANTHEM

Seasoned Dancing

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone. We live in God's World.

We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,

- crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.
- In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
- We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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*HYMN #257

I Danced in the Morning

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!

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Anthem for today -- join us!

Oh we love you, love you, love you. We sing it once again. Oh we love you, love you, love you. Comes back the glad refrain. And we bless you, bless you, bless you; With hearts so full and free. And we thank you, thank you, thank you--For a blessed memory.

SUMMER WEDNESDAYS HAVE BEGUN We need grill masters!

- 5-6pm Supper in the yard (Grilled items and individual dinners in to-go containers)
- 6pm Outdoor worship (& shown on Zoom) Singing, Stories from Jesus, Stories from YOU
- 7pm In person choir (and on zoom too) we prepare music for the mayor's visit!

Daily Prayer If you would like to sign up to be a reflector in our daily prayer service, please contact Jacob Blanton (jacob.blanton@gmail.com). If you would like to support a service (through music, liturgy, tech support), please contact Katie (katie@fourthboston.org).

Upcoming Events

The Summer Meals Program has begun! children ages 4-13 (www.fourthboston.org/summer-meals-programs) TODAY- Deacons meet at 12:30

July 18 - Mayor Kim Janey worships at Fourth!

(A Christmas Dinner LITE potluck picnic. July 25 - Christmas in July Salads, turkey sandwiches, desserts....)

August 8 - HEALING SERVICE Sunday morning August 29 - Worship at Castle Island with outdoor lunch September 4-6 (Labor Day Weekend) - Church retreat at Camp Wilmot (\$55 per person ages 13+, \$35 for children ages 5-12).

Everv week:

- Daily Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru Friday, 4pm-6pm VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please join the DEACONS' Love In Action program on Lotsa Helping hands at https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/love-in-action

New Sunday School Class Introduction to Islam

Starting Sunday, July 11, 30am in person and/or zoom 7 weeks long Facilitated by our intern. Sunny Khan

The topics for the class are -

(1) Islam in America, (2) Christmas for Christians, but what for Muslims? (3) Quran: The Muslim Scripture, (4) Shia/Sunni: An introduction, (5) Muslims and Terrorism, and Islamophobia: A Conversation with myself (6) Islam and Christianity: A possible partnership? (7) Islam: Looking into the Future

Parables and Prompts for Summer 2021-COMING TOGETHER: Summer Songs and Stories (Remaining stories listed below)

July 14	Laborer in Vineyard	Mat 20: 1-6	When has it felt like you received more than you "earned"?
July 21	Unforgiving Servant	Matt 18: 21-35	When have you neglected to forgive, even after being forgiven?
July 28	Lost Sheep	Matt. 18: 10-14	A story about being found after you felt lost
August 4	Wedding Banquet	Matt 22:1-14	Have you ever seen comfortable people overlook something precious and important while struggling people "get it"? Tell the story. (Have you ever been one, or the other, or BOTH?)
August 11	Good Samaritan	Luke 10: 29-37	A story about a surprising person picking you up after you were knocked down.





Sunday, July 11, 2021 Worship for the Lord's Day

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