



Meditation: Bethlehem was God with us,
Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is
God in us.

~ Robert Baer

June 8, 2025

Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Simone Mead, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Karen E. Gale

Passing the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace with one another...

*Introit

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

*Call to Worship

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The rich earth of the garden of Eden, Mount Sinai, the Mount of Olives, the Appalachian Mountains.

In the beginning God's spirit brooded over the waters and the deep.

The waters of the Jordan, the sea of Galilee, the waters of the Atlantic and Monatiquot.

In the beginning God's voice blew in the wind.

The breath of God, the trade winds, the winds of change, light summer-time breezes and fierce Nor'Easters.

In the beginning God's spirit came in fire and flames.

Volcanoes of creation, a burning bush, the rush of Pentecost, Christmas candles alight.

In the beginning God brought earth, water, air and fire and Creation happened.

On Pentecost, God brought together those from the north and the south and the east and the west and the church was born.

That Spirit, that wind, that fire still moves among us In the words, and in the silence, and in the burning of our hearts.

We come together as one people, here to worship, while the Spirit of flame dances in our midst.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

*Hymn

Over My Head

Over my head, I hear music in the air. Over my head, I hear music in the air.
Over my head, I hear music in the air; There must (clap, clap) be a God somewhere!
Over my head, I see fire in the air. Over my head, I see fire in the air.
Over my head, I see fire in the air; There must (clap, clap) be a God somewhere!
Over my head, I feel Spirit in the air. Over my head, I feel Spirit in the air.
Over my head, I feel Spirit in the air; There must (clap, clap) be a God somewhere!

Unison Prayer c. Rev. Gord Waldie, worshipofferings.ca

Spirit God,

blow into our lives,

move us to action,

break down the walls that separate us.

Where our language divides, offer us translation.

Where our fear overcomes, fill us with the fire of courage.

Where our lives are becalmed, fill our sails with wind,

moving us forward into the unknown future.

Fill us with the hope and promise of Pentecost! Amen.

Children's Time: Collecting our OGHS Fish!

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon

"Pentecost"

Rev. Karen E. Gale

Moment of Silence

*Hymn 239

Spirit of Gentleness

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

Dedication of the Offering

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures, here, below.

Praise God, above, ye heav'nly hosts.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Thank you God for fire:

the fire that warms our hands on a cold, starry night,
the fire that dances inside our hearts.

Thank you for the day when all the people who gathered together experienced the fire of your Holy Spirit. We give you these gifts as we remember that day and as we seek to be bearers of light for your world. Amen.

*Hymn 443

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*Benediction

Postlude



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First Church Braintree Announcements

Upcoming Meetings, Events & Discussions

Annual Ministry Meeting - TODAY Sunday, June 8 after worship

Leadership Team - Tuesday, June 17 @ 7pm on zoom

Book Discussion - Thursday, July 10 @ 7pm on zoom (no book club in June)

Music Sunday - Sunday, June 22

Vacations

Karen will be on vacation June 13-June 28th and won't be available while away.

Rev. Andy Burr will be available as emergency pastoral care coverage. He can be reached at 978-790-8250. Karen will be back for worship on June 29th

Deb will be on vacation on June 19 & 20 and June 30. The office will be closed on those dates.



WELCOME to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church.

Of all the things you could have done this morning, we're glad you chose to be with us.



About Today's Service: We are live-streaming today's service. Playback is available on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTaGrBGnYzfM66pS7Bd4PvA>

Prayer Lists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Listening Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Please wear a **nametag**. They are available in the Narthex.

Televised Worship Services are broadcast on BCAM: Verizon Channel 28, Comcast Channel 9, on Saturday at 8:00 AM and Sunday at 10:00 AM.

First Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm.

The First Congregational Church of Braintree is an Open & Affirming Congregation working in partnership with all churches of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all God's children into Christian faith regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, political stance or theological perspective, national origin, mental health status, physical and cognitive abilities, and the many diverse forms of family configurations. We proclaim and affirm that full and equal participation in the life and leadership of our church is open to all. We seek to continue learning and growing together as the inclusive Body of Christ. We are committed to spreading the light and love of Christ into the world through worship and service. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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