



April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

We Are Called

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Love one another, even when love involves risk.

We love as God loves us.

Love and care for others, even when caring is hard.

We love and care as God loves and cares for us.

Love in truth and action.

By this we are known as children of God.

HYMN

We are One in the Spirit

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Merciful Shepherd, give us the grace to love as you love. Give us the courage to protect and care for others even when we are afraid.

Grant us the strength to love in truth and action, even when we tend to neglect the needs of others. Forgive us when our love is absent, and show us how to express our love with more than just words. Shepherd us in our loving and in our living, that others may see in us the fruit of your goodness and mercy. In your love and grace, we pray. Amen.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

***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.*

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6: 6-8 Jean Opie

SERMON **“Breaking the Silence”** Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Suzy Aja Burba

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, 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.

HYMN *World Peace Prayer*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures, here, below.
Praise Him, above, ye heav’nly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Compassionate Shepherd, accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude for the generous gifts you give us—gifts flowing from the eternal stream of your grace. Amen.

HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Today, Sunday, April 25th @ 11:00am

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Passcode: FCC1707

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFEwUT09>

YOUTH GROUP Today, Sunday, April 25 at 1pm in the Chapel **IN-PERSON**
UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

PRUDENTIAL—Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00pm

WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00pm

LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00pm

The next Drive & Drop Food Drive is Wednesday, May 5th 5:00-7:00pm
Grocery Gift Cards are always welcome!

**The Memorial Hymn Sing
is coming soon!**
Sunday, May 16th @ 9:30am

[Click here to download a
hymn request form](#)



HOW WILL YOU DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY, AND WALK HUMBLLY WITH YOUR GOD?

Here are websites about some of the issues we face in the world today where you can get more information and take action. You may also access them from our [website](#) by clicking on the “Break the Silence” image.

<https://www.sneucc.org/justice>

<https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/states/massachusetts/>

<https://www.oldsouth.org/anti-racism-resources-white-christians>

<https://stopaapihate.org/>

<https://interfaithsocialservices.org/>

<http://www.margecrispincenter.com/>

<https://www.earthday.org/>



THANK YOU for joining us at 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.



You may attend in-person or view the live-stream of this morning's service.

Subscribe to the First Church YouTube channel:

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

Non-perishable Food Pantry donations are collected for The Marge Crispin Center on the **first Wednesday of the Month** in front of the church. Contact free! Just drive by and drop. Or place your donations in the basket in LPH or the Narthex. Thank you!

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.



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