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January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*The Summons*

~ John Bell  
Keith Ciccone, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INROIT

*Sanctuary*

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Praise the Lord!

**Praise God with hearts full of song.**

Delight in the Lord!

**Celebrate the majestic work of God's hands.**

Trust in the Lord!

**Rejoice that God's precepts lead to life.**

Celebrate God's presence with joy and thanksgiving.

**We gather to worship the Lord!**

HYMN

*Trust and Obey*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**God of mystery and might, when your presence overwhelmed your people you sent prophets, teacher, and guides to call them back to life; when we wandered in the shadows, you sent your Son, Jesus, to open our eyes, that we might see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds this day, that we might understand your holy mysteries and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. Amen.**

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

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Rachel Holton

SERMON

**"A Hierarchy of Virtues"**

Rev. Suzy Aja Burba

HYMN

*The Servant Song*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Frady

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.**

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

**Spirit of generosity and love, flow through these gifts and offerings. Work in the ministries of our church, that Christ's love may be seen clearly and felt completely in all that we say and in all that we do. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

*They Know We Are Christian By Our Love*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sing to the Mountains*

~ St. Louis Jesuits



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## FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### The Annual Financial Meeting of First Congregational Church of Braintree TODAY - January 31st at 11:00am

COVID-19 restrictions necessitate that the annual meeting must occur on Zoom instead of in person this year. Members have received a copy of the financial report in the mail. Non- voting members are welcome to view the meeting and can get download the [financial report](#) here.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82563377030?pwd=eHkrMFFLVnZKK0swMWFVTEd1UmNzUT09>

Meeting ID: 825 6337 7030    Passcode: 1011

Dial in: +1 646 558 8656    Meeting ID: 825 6337 7030

**YOUTH GROUP** There is NO Youth Group this week because Pastor Suzy and Mattie will be “attending” the annual meeting on zoom.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

Prudential—Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00pm

Worship Ministry—Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00pm

Leadership—Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00pm

#### THE NEXT "DRIVE AND DROP" FOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, February 3rd 5:00 - 7:00pm

Grocery Gift Cards are always welcome!

We are accepting new Hats & Mittens this month as well. If you are able to donate any warm hats, gloves, mittens or scarves for those who need them this winter then please drop them at the office (Monday - Friday, 9:00-1:00) or drop them at the next Drive and Drop Food Drive on February 3rd. We will donate them to the Department of Children and Family Services.



**FIRST WEDNESDAY  
FOOD DRIVE**

<b>Contact</b> <b>Free</b>		<b>Drive &amp; Drop</b>
Donate Non- Perishables		To Help Braintree Residents

**THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**5:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.**  
In front of First Congregational Church  
12 Elm Street, Braintree  
781-843-3616  
[www.firstchurchbraintree.com](http://www.firstchurchbraintree.com)



**Thank you for viewing** 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 for those who can not attend in person. We are closely watching the recommendations of the United Church of Christ and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to holding in-person worship service due to the current COVID-19 status in our community. The situation is fluid so please check our webpage to confirm if weekly worship services are in-person or only online.

**Subscribe to the First Church YouTube channel:**

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

**Prayer Lists** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

**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!

**First Congregational Church** is handicapped accessible. Please see an usher if you need assistance with the elevator.

**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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