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June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denise Keaney

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Thy Word is a Lamp*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're right there beside me,  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Come, walk in the light of faith.

**We will walk humbly with our God.**

Come, love in the light of faith.

**We will love everything the light touches.**

Come, grow in the light of faith.

**We grow in in the Light of Christ.**

Come, live in the light of faith.

**We will live as faithful disciples of Jesus our Redeemer.**

HYMN 484

*The Church's One Foundation*

\* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Father God, we come into your presence so aware of our human frailty and yet blessed by your love for us. We thank you that there is no human experience that we might walk through where your love will not reach us; from the highest mountain to the deepest valley of life, you are there. Help us to rest in your love which asks nothing more than the simple trusting heart of a child. 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            Mark 3:20-35

SERMON                            **“The Pitch”**

MUSIC RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 287                        *For the Fruit of All Creation*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

**\*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

Generous God, you are always with us, always caring for us, always drawing us together. We are so grateful for your loving presence. We bring our gifts before you today, expressing our commitment to spread your love and your Holy Word. Amen

HYMN 388

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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## FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### Worship Team (Deacons)

Sunday, June 9 following worship  
in the Chapel

#### Leadership Team

Tuesday, June 18 @ 7pm  
on ZOOM



**MUSIC** June 30 @ 9:30AM

*Sunday*

In the Sanctuary  
A special worship  
service honoring our  
talented choir, soloists &  
musicians before they take  
a break for the summer.

## **Book Study Group** will meet on zoom on **Thursday, June 20 @ 7pm**

You are invited to join! We will discuss a new book WITH THE AUTHOR!

On Thursday, June 20, at 7pm via Zoom, we will be starting a new book and all are invited to join the discussion. The book: “When Skies Fall: 8 Sermons on Finding God in the Midst of Life’s Trials” was written by Rev. Raymond Medeiros. If that name sounds familiar, that’s because Rev. Ray was our guest Minister at First Church on May 19 and he will be here again in worship on June 23. Additionally, **we are pleased to announce that he will be joining our book discussion on zoom on June 20th!** This is a GREAT time to join the book discussion! This paperback book is available through Amazon or Barnes & Noble for \$5.49. It is also available from Amazon on Kindle for \$0.99, or free if you have Kindle Unlimited membership.

“The sermons in this book take the approach that the trials that might compel us to close the door on God, can actually be the threshold to a deeper faith and a more spiritually mature understanding of God’s nature.”

Please let Deb know if you would like to receive the Zoom link in order to join. We definitely have had very interesting conversations in the past while going through our previous books.



**Welcome!** *Thank you for joining us this morning!*

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.



**About Today's Service:** We are live-streaming today's service.

**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!

**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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