



February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

Tree of Life

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

If you need a fresh start, make your need known:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.”

If you feel far from God, call out in your need:

“Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.”

If the cares of the world hang about your neck, plead to the Lord with all your might:

“Restore me to the joy of my salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.”

If you need a fresh start, turn to God, for God will hear your prayers.

Holy Redeemer, we come to you.

HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, our souls are troubled until they find their rest in you. On this Lenten journey, help us grown in our faith, and in our relationship with you. Open our hearts to your love. Open our eyes to the light of Christ. Open our hands to the work of the Holy Spirit. Help us to share your grace and follow the ways that lead to new life. In your Holy Name, we pray. 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 Thessalonians 5: 12-23 Glenn Holton

SERMON **“Is the Soul, God Within?”** Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE *Spirit of the Living God*

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 *Spirit Song*

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

We bring our offerings, O God, not to buy your favor, but to express our gratitude, not to support an institution, but to further your mission. We seek to make this community of faith a center of values that are consistent with your will. May we be zealous in your service, willing to sacrifice for love's sake, and eager to embrace your word in everyday living. Amen.

HYMN

Led By the Spirit

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Deadline to order is Thursday, March 18th

[Click here to download the order form.](#)

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Sunday, February 28 at 11am

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09)

[pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09)

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Passcode: FCC1707

YOUTH GROUP Sunday, February 28 at 1pm on Zoom

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

PRUDENTIAL—Tuesday, March 2 at 7:00pm

WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00pm

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

Grocery Gift Cards are always welcome!

**FIRST WEDNESDAY
FOOD DRIVE**

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Braintree
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THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
In front of First Congregational Church
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781-843-3616
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: Today's service is being live-streamed.

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>

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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