



April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Suzy Aja Burba

INTROIT *We Are Called* Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God has set apart those who are faithful.

God puts gladness in our hearts and minds.

Beloved, we are children of God.

We want to be like Jesus who lived by love.

God empower us to love and care and minister in Christ's name.

We trust God whose children we are.

HYMN *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of our ancestors, author of life, source of Easter good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We call on you with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love which you provide, that we might relate to one another as whole people. Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good, and help us to live at our best. 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

Psalm 65

Don Bisset

SERMON

“Earth Day from a Christian Perspective”

Rev. Suzy Aja Burba

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

***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**

Generous God, you put love into human form in Jesus, who lived, died, and was raised to eternal life. Receive now these offerings, that your grace may live today through the work of your church. We offer these gifts with our time, our commitments, and our love, that the world may witness, without doubt, that Christ is alive today. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR will resume on April 25th.
There is no zoom coffee hour this week.

YOUTH GROUP Returns to IN-PERSON!
Today, Sunday, April 18 at 1pm in the Chapel

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00pm

PRUDENTIAL—Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00pm

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

The next Drive & Drop Food Drive is Wednesday, May 5th 5:00-7:00pm

Grocery Gift Cards are always welcome!

Thank you to all who have contributed. Please let your friends know about it...
Our monthly food drive is making a big difference in our community!





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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