



September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Morning Prayer in C

~ H. Clarke
Keith Ciccone, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

CONGREGATIONAL INROIT *Revive Us Again*

*We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.*

*We praise Thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light, who hath shown us our Savior, and scattered our night. Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory. Revive us again.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

When we are lost and uncertain,

God provides prophets and storytellers to guide us toward the truth.

When we are in need of rescue,

God provides refuge and shelter during our darkest days.

When we are looking, seeking, and hoping,

God provides open arms to welcome us with love and faithfulness.

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Loving God, our rock and foundation, we thank you for the opportunity to gather in Your holy name. May this be a time when we remember your faithfulness. You give us hope when despair creeps into our lives. You create a path when we lack direction, You send family members, friends, and even strangers when we need reminders of your promise. And you send Jesus Christ, our redeemer, to show us how to live in your ways. May we open our hearts to receive all that you provide. 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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Michael

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.

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School classrooms.)

ANTHEM

Jesus Love the Little Children

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21: 10-14

SERMON

“Black Lives Matter”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

PRAYER HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

OFFERTORY

***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**

Merciful God, transform this offering into hope and joy for a troubled world. Receive the blessings we return to you this day, and transform our ministries into instruments of your grace. Through our giving, may places of sorrow and mourning know the sound of love and laughter. Through our living, mold us into your people—a people of promise and hope, a people who live and die in the Lord. Amen

***HYMN**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festal Voluntary

~ Cutler and Johnson



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

PRUDENTIAL TEAM - Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm

WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm

LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, October 20 @ 7:00pm

The September-October 2020 Issue of *The Upper Room* is now available at the back of the Sanctuary

YOUTH GROUP will meet in person this Sunday.:

Middle school group will meet from 1-2:30

High school group will meet from 2-3:30

Super Saturday is Going Virtual!

October 24, 2020 and October 31, 2020

Anyone interested in attending the Virtual Super Saturday should see Pastor Michael. Super Saturday is two days of worship, workshops and networking - October 24, 2020 and October 31, 2020. Sign up for one day or two, two workshops or four. It's up to you! All are welcome!

**FIRST WEDNESDAY
FOOD DRIVE**

Contact Free		Drive & Drop
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



WELCOME to 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 happy to be back in the Sanctuary for in-person worship. We are also live-streaming today's service for those who can not attend in person.

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, and BELD Channel 16 on Saturday at 8:00 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM.

First Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm.



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