



November 8, 2020

Consecration Sunday

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Make Me and Instrument of Your Peace* ~J.Foley
Keith Ciccone, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Michael Frady

CONGREGATIONAL INROIT *Give Thanks* Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Our ancestors have led us here.

We are witnesses of their faith.

The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

We are children of its call.

The choice to follow God lies before us.

We are heirs of its promise.

The Lord of life has called us here.

We are here to 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)**

**Lord of Life, we come this day to follow the ways you set before us.
Show us the signs of your coming kingdom, that we may be worthy of
your invitation. May we have the wisdom to teach our children your
ways and pass on a better world to the generations to come. 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.*

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Freely, Freely

~ C. Thompson

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19: 29-38

SERMON

“The Lord Needs It”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

HYMN

Take My Life and Let it Be

OFFERING DEDICATION

***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**

For the future glory of your church, we dedicate our gifts. Toward the reign of love in our midst, we consecrate ourselves. O God of all the ages, show yourself to us in our time. Work within us individually and among us as a community of faith, that we may experience resurrection and carry your good news into the world. Amen.

***HYMN**

How Shall I Serve You, Lord?

DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF GIVING CARDS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glory and Praise to Our God

~ D. Schutte





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 live-streaming today's service for those who can not attend in person. Because of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and to comply with the recommendations of the United Church of Christ and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, this will be the last in-person worship in the Sanctuary until further notice.

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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FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS



UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

PRUDENTIAL TEAM - Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm

WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm

LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00pm

YOUTH GROUP— MEETING IN PERSON TODAY AT THE CHURCH

Middle School 1-2:30, High School 2-3:30

ATTENTION FIRST CHURCH MEMBERS:

Thank you to all who have already cast a vote whether or not to call Suzy Aja Burba as Associate Minister. If you have not already done so and you are an active member of the church, please reply **NO LATER** than Friday, November 13th at **NOON** so that your vote can be counted. A yes vote indicates that you approve of calling Pastor Suzy as the Associate Minister of First Church Braintree and a no vote indicates you do not. You may submit your vote in any of the following ways:

1. Fill out a vote card **TODAY** (available from the ushers) and drop it in the box **TODAY** (Sunday, Nov 8)
2. Email your vote (yes or no) with your name to Deb in the office: office@firstchurchbraintree.com
3. Write your vote on the letter you received in the mail and mail it back (12 Elm Street, Braintree MA 02184) or drop it in the office mailbox.
4. Call 781-843-3616 to verbally cast your vote. If you are leaving a message on the machine, please state your name and your vote.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

THE “NO FAIR” APPEAL has raised \$2,665 so far. By comparison, last year’s fair had a net gain of approximately \$4,891. Thank you to all who contributed. It’s not too late! If you’ve been meaning to send in your contribution, now’s the time. All proceeds fund our missions and outreach distributions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HEIFER PROJECT

We are wrapping up the Sunday School’s mission project to help Heifer International next **Sunday, November 15**. Our loose change and extra dollars add up to make a real impact, especially during such a trying time, globally. Thank you for your participation in helping us make a meaningful difference.