



Music Sunday

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."
~ Corrie ten Boom

June 21, 2026

Music Sunday and Father's Day

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Sing a New Song (arr. Dan Schuette)

Keith Ciccone, piano, baritone

The Sound of Music (arr. Rogers and Hammerstein)

Ivonne Luna, violin

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Karen E. Gale

Passing the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace with one another...

*Introit

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,

Make Thy way plain before my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only,

that makest me dwell in safety.

*Call to Worship

God of life, in your hand we find our lives.

Be present with us in this time together.

Let your Spirit mold us, shape us and remake us this morning and every day
until we conform to the shape that you call us to take;

the shape of love known and shown in Jesus the Christ.

Let us worship with song and music and prayer.

**Let us speak and sing and sit in the stillness, and know that you
are our God. Amen.**

*Hymn 202

Sing a Song of Celebration

* Indicates all who are able may stand.

Please silence your cell phones.

Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives and asked them to dream the impossible dream— that you would transform what appears to have been a barren and lifeless situation into one overflowing with promise and hope. Their faith was shaky at times but they believed your promises.

Forgive us, O God, when our faith gets shaky, when we think your call on our lives leads to an impossible dream or merely an unwelcome interruption.
Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak
Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives—so that we have the courage to follow you wherever you take us. Amen.

Children's Time

Musical Moment

Look Up Child
(arr. Lauren Daigle)

Maria Opie, soprano

Scripture

Psalm 100: 1-5
Genesis 15-21 selections

*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.

Message

"Abraham: Father of Nations"

Rev. Karen E. Gale

*Hymn 25

Faith of Our Fathers

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Creator), 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.

Musical Reflection

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(arr. John Dykes)

Archie Sanchez, tenor

Dedication of the Offering

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Nancy Mills, soprano

*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 Gost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication c.Carol Penner

We give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, money and abilities. Into this plate and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. Amen.

*Hymn 395

How Can I Keep From Singing

*Benediction

Postlude



We would like to thank the dedicated musicians who regularly enhance the First Church worship services:



Music Director, organist, pianist: Keith J. Ciccone



Nancy Mills, Craig Barnes, Archie Sanchez, David Cutshall, Maria Opie, Glenn Holton, Janet Holton, Breanna Hewson, Karen Gale, Justin Ouellet, Ann Moss, Doug Trudeau, Simone Mead, Harry Li and Ying Ren.

First Church Braintree Announcements

Upcoming Meetings, Events & Discussions

Church Council Meeting - Sunday, June 28
Drive & Drop - Wednesday, July 1 @ 5:00 - 6:30pm

Vacations and Office Closures

The office will be closed on Mondays beginning on June 29th
Pastor Karen will be available on Mondays by appointment.
Deb will be on vacation on July 13 - 17.
Karen will be on vacation August 7 - 23



Air-Conditioned Parlor

Summer Worship Plan

June 28 - Sanctuary
July 5 - Parlor
July 12 - West Lawn
July 19 - Parlor
July 26 - Parlor
Sundays in August - Parlor
September 6 - Parlor
September 13 - West Lawn
(Rally Sunday)



West Lawn



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. Playback is available on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTaGrBGnYzfM66pS7Bd4PvA>

Prayer Lists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Listening Devices are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

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.



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