



March 14, 2021

Fourth 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)

God finds delight in humanity, and in each of us.

Let us rejoice before the majesty of our Creator.

**God of grace and glory, who made all things,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

In Christ, we are called to endure and to hope.

Let us give thanks for a faith that brings peace.

**God of grace and glory Savior of your people,
How precious to us is your gift of Jesus Christ!**

The Holy Spirit is present to guide and direct us,

Let us listen that we may hear and do what is true.

**God of grace and glory, ever present with us,
How reassuring is the love with which you surround us!**

HYMN

To God Be the Glory

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of immeasurable grace, you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your Son into the world, that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light. Redeem us this day, O God, that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring us life. 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 READINGS

Numbers 21: 4-9
John 3: 14-16

Nancy Mills

SERMON

“Hope Lifted Up”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

Lift High the Cross

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

What Wondrous Love is This

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures, here, below.
Praise Him, above, ye heav’ny hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we are grateful for wisdom, for beauty, for the ways in which we see your glory in all creation. Most of all, we thank you for caring for us and for entrusting to us the ministry of caring for the earth and for one another. May these offerings extend our faith in you, our Creator Savior, and Sustainer. Amen.

HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

**Deadline to order is
Thursday, March 18th**

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

Or order online:
www.firstchurchbraintree.com

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Sunday, March 14 at 11am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Passcode: FCC1707

YOUTH GROUP Sunday, March 14 at 1pm on Zoom

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00pm

PRUDENTIAL—Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm

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

THE NEXT "DRIVE AND DROP" FOOD DRIVE is

Wednesday, April 7th from 5:00 - 7:00pm

Grocery Gift Cards are always welcome!

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP IS COMING SOON!

Palm Sunday, March 28th at 9:30 am

Space is limited. Please register online if you wish to attend.

The worship service will also be live-streamed so you can continue to “attend” from your own home if you wish.



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.



Rev. Michael Frady, Senior Minister ❖ pastormichael@firstchurchbraintree.com

Rev. Suzy Aja Burba, Youth Minister ❖ suzy@firstchurchbraintree.com

Keith Ciccone, Director of Music ❖ keciccon@aol.com

Mattie Gietman, Dir. Children's Ministry ❖ mattie@firstchurchbraintree.com

Deb McMartin, Administrator ❖ office@firstchurchbraintree.com

Valerie Fink, Bookkeeper ❖ finance@firstchurchbraintree.com



12 Elm Street, Braintree, MA 02184 ❖ 781-843-3616 ❖ www.firstchurchbraintree.com