

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Ciccone, organ

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

Tree of Life

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Have mercy on your people, O God.
Wash us. Cleanse us. Make us perfect in your love.
Open the skies and pour down your grace upon your people.
Open our hearts to hear your voice.
Let the thunder of your presence awaken us!
Have mercy on your people, O God.
Restore within us the joy of your salvation.
Draw us nearer to Jesus, our redeemer!

HYMN "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of love and mercy, open our hearts to your presence as we worship you this day. Whether our prayers are filled with celebration or with loud cries and tears, remind us that you are the source of our eternal salvation. Give us strength to respond faithfully to your transforming love, that the joy of your salvation might shine in and through us all. Wipe away any wrongdoing, clean our hearts, and return us to right paths. With grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

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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	John 12: 20-33	Jean Opie
SERMON	"The Secret of Life"	Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

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

My Song is Love Unknown

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

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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**

God of Grace and God of Glory, grant us the wisdom to know you completely. Give us the hope to live as your people. Inspire us to give of our spirits more fully. As we give our gifts and tithes today, we recommit ourselves to your service and to the service of your people. May we do so in response to your unending call that beckons us and leads us home. We pray as followers of the glorified Christ. Amen.

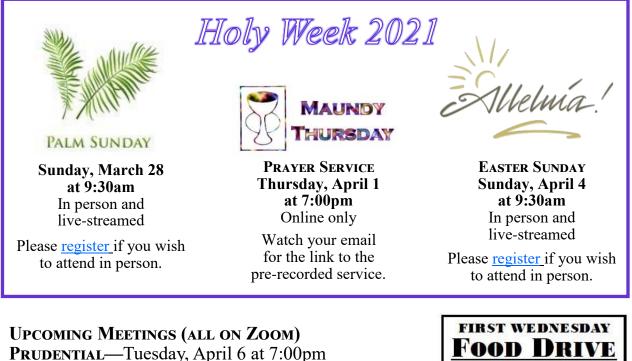
HYMN BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Sunday, March 21 at 11am Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0I6VGovNEZWRFcwUT09</u> Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Passcode: FCC1707

YOUTH GROUP Sunday, March 21 at 1pm on Zoom



PRUDENTIAL—Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00pm LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00pm

THE NEXT "DRIVE AND DROP" FOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, April 7th 5:00 - 7:00pm Grocery Gift Cards are always welcome!





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 inperson 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.

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