



March 21, 2021

Fifth 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)

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.

FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Sunday, March 21 at 11am


Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8549377165?pwd=QmRBUXh5TTdrV0l6VGovNEZWRfCwUT09>

Meeting ID: 854 937 7165 Passcode: FCC1707

YOUTH GROUP Sunday, March 21 at 1pm on Zoom


Holy Week 2021



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 28
at 9:30am
In person and
live-streamed


Please [register](#) if you wish
to attend in person.



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

PRAYER SERVICE
Thursday, April 1
at 7:00pm
Online only

Watch your email
for the link to the
pre-recorded service.



EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 4
at 9:30am
In person and
live-streamed

Please [register](#) if you wish
to attend in person.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL 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!



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



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.



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