



Abraham is a foundational figure in the Bible, revered as the spiritual patriarch of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. --SephardicU

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Keith Ciccone, organ

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 c.Lisa Hancock, discipleshipministries

Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing. God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing. God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.

As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

God, may your blessings flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life. Amen.

*Hymn 368

Trust and Obey

Children's Time

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

Scripture

Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:13-25

Sermon "Setting Out: Abram, Sarai and God"

Musical Reflection

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

Dedication of the Offering

*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 Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Calling God, you set Abram on a journey, not with clarity, but with trust. You promised blessing and purpose. We also journey by faith, offering these gifts so that your promise might be fulfilled through us and we might bless the world. Use our offerings to build relationships, mend the broken, and bring the searching closer to your heart. May our giving reflect our trust. May our trust lead us to go where you send us: step by step, stage by stage, into your future. Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession c.RevMindi, rev-o-lution.org

Journeying God,

You have set before us the path, but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers, and we hear Your call and come back.

Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring Your call until fear finally makes us look back. Still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not remembering how much we need Your wisdom and guidance.

But most of all, we think we are adults and have figured it all out and know our own way, only to stumble and stray.

Remind us, God, that we are always Your children, that we are never fully grown up in Your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to return to the path and walk with You. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

*Hymn 525

One Bread, One Body

*Prayer of Thanksgiving c. Sarah Buteux, adapt.

O God of the journey,

May we find it in our hearts to be grateful no matter what.

May we praise you for what we can do, and praise you in spite of what we can't.

May we thank you for what is and what isn't, for what is going well and for what is not.

May we thank you for what brings us joy, and even for that which brings us grief,
for if our grief testifies to anything, it testifies to the depths of our love.

Bless us and keep us, dear God, we pray, and turn our hearts and our path ever and
always toward your all encompassing light, Amen.

Hymn 163

Lord of the Dance

*Benediction

Postlude



First Church Braintree Announcements

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

TODAY following worship - Annual Ministry Meeting in the Sanctuary

Sunday, June 14 - Congregational Conversation following worship

Hosted by the Search-Discernment Team and Leadership. This is not a voting meeting but instead a time to reflect on our church's future. Here are some questions we will be talking about:

Where do we see our church in 5 years? Who will be present? Who will be able to be in leadership positions? How much energy will we have to run our services, respond to building emergencies, and do outreach?

How much money will we have? Our members are stewards of an amazing gift dedicated to God. Our church has served generations of people over centuries of ministry. What ministry are we called to now? How can we best serve God's people with our church?

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.

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.

**BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD IN
THE WORLD**



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