



April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*

Keith Ciccone, Organ
Kiyoshi Hayashi, Violin
Stephanie Chen, Cello

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Michael Frady

Let us pray: Eternal God, giver of light and life, bless this new flame, that by its radiance and warmth we may respond to your love and grace, and be set free from all that separates us from you and from each other; through Jesus Christ, our light and life.

RESPONSE (Unison)

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, illuminate our hearts and minds.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

CHORAL INTROIT

We are Called

~ Marty Haugen
Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

The tomb is empty!

Alleluia!

Christ is alive!

Alleluia!

Come, let us give thanks and praise to the Risen Lord!

Alleluia! Christ is risen, indeed!

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of hope, in the midst of death, you call forth life. When all hope seemed gone, you raised Jesus from the grave. We come before you today, longing for your life-giving presence. God of new life, raise us up with all your people. Lift us from the tombs of our despair and doubt, that we may rejoice in your power over death. God of joy, fill our hearts with alleluias as we sing your praises. Glory to God. Alleluia! 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.*

ANTHEM *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* ~ G.F. Handel

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 16: 1-7

SERMON **“Our Easter Story”** Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE *Because He Lives*

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Suzy Aja Burba

THE 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 *How Beautiful*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Wonderful, Merciful Savior* ~ D. Rogers, E. Wyse
Pastor Michael, Baritone
Valerie Johnson, Soprano
Keith Ciccone, Baritone & Piano
Kiyoshi Hayashi, Violin
Stephanie Chen, Cello

***DOXOLOGY**

*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 (Unison)**

**Living God, you give us the greatest gift of all, the gift of new life.
Grateful for this gift, we bring our offerings, the work of our hands.
Us our gifts to share your word of hope, your promise of forgiveness,
and your blessings with all creation. Grateful for the love, we offer
ourselves, that we might walk with our neighbors into your garden
of love. Amen.**

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Happy Easter!

The beautiful Easter flowers adorning the Sanctuary are given...

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In honor of Hannah & Eric Yang
by Susan & Ralph Altmaier

✠

In memory of Howard L Baker
by Lucile Baker

✠

In memory of Delwyn & Barbara Barnes
and Norman & Glendolyn Magowan
by Craig & Marcia Barnes & Family

✠

In memory of Jennie Bisset
by Donald & Noreen Bisset

✠

In memory of Dorothy McGrory
by Donald & Noreen

✠

In honor of our grandchildren:
Hannah, Lukas & Kairyn
by Deb & Chuck Bjorkman

✠

In honor of our friends and family
by Rick Mirkin & Keith Ciccone

✠

In memory of our parents
Frances & Arthur Mirkin and
Louis & Grace Ciccone
by Rick Mirkin & Keith Ciccone

✠

In memory of loved ones
by Rick Mirkin & Keith Ciccone

✠

In honor of Grace Reinelt
by Joanne & Rick Durham

✠

In honor of my family
by Pastor Michael

✠

In memory of Priscilla Belcher
by Pastor Michael

✠

In honor of our grandchildren:
A.J., Courtney, Libby & Tommy
by Carl & Diane Francis

✠



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In memory of James Galvin
by Sally Galvin

✠

In honor of my four great grandsons:
Mark, Steven, Brayden & Colt
by Sally Galvin

✠

In loving memory of
Ruth & William Hobbs
Love, Walter, Martha & Bradford

✠

In memory of Jim Lynch
by Kris Johnson

✠

In memory of Julia, Harry & Harris Johnson
by Kris Johnson

✠

In honor of David Larsen (son) & family and
Elizabeth Taylor (daughter) & family
by Barbara Larsen

✠

In memory of Dana Larsen (husband)
by Barbara Larsen

✠

In memory of Eli Levine
by Donna M. Levine

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In memory of Elizabeth N. Pitt
by Donna M. Levine

✠

In memory of Shirley E. Gallagher
by Donna M. Levine

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In honor of my mom, Jane L. Gillis
by Deb McMartin

✠

In loving memory of Priscilla Belcher
by Nancy Mills

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In loving memory of Peter V. West
by Nancy Mills

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In memory of Barbara Opie
by Jean & Bill Opie

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The beautiful Easter flowers adorning the Sanctuary are given...

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In memory of Barbara & Phillip Anderson
by Cheryl & Gregg Pappas, Deborah Anderson



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In memory of Laura & Anton Anderson
by Cheryl & Gregg Pappas, Deborah Anderson

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In memory of Cathleen & George Cowie
by Cheryl & Gregg Pappas, Deborah Anderson

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In memory of Marie & Charles Pappas
by Cheryl & Gregg Pappas

✠

In memory of loved ones
by Grace Reinelt

✠

In memory of my dear sisters,
Marjorie Antoine, Lorraine Forsberg and

Marilyn Allen
by Beverly Roffo

✠

In loving memory of Michael Roffo
by Beverly Roffo

✠

In memory of
Carl & Margarthe Brockman and
Isabel & Herman Rupp, parents
and Peter H. Rupp, husband
by Betty Ann Rupp & Children

✠

In memory of Nancy P. South
by her family

✠

In memory of Ned Wynot
by Pauline Wynot

✠

In memory of Bob Wynot
by Pauline Wynot

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Easter Music

In accordance with recommendations of the United Church of Christ and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we ask that all attendees refrain from singing to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

Luckily, here at First Congregational Church of Braintree we are blessed with some very talented musicians who will lift their voices and instruments for us. Just sit back and enjoy!

Thanks to Soprano Valerie Johnson for her beautiful renditions every week. Thank you Pastor Michael for your leadership and lovely singing voice. And special thanks to Music Director Keith Ciccone for his musical leadership and accompaniment on the organ and the piano.

Please welcome our guest musicians:



Violinist, **Kiyoshi Hayashi** has performed here at First Church numerous times in the past few years. He has also performed with many notable ensembles around the New England area including [Palaver Strings](#), the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, [Rasa String Quartet](#), Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, Phoenix Orchestra, and A Far Cry Chamber Orchestra. In 2016, he received his BM from the New England Conservatory of Music. Kiyoshi is passionate about using music as a means to bring individuals and communities together, to heal and positively uplift people's lives, and to inspire others to follow their passions.



Today's guest Cello Player is **Stephanie Chen**. A native of Taipei, Taiwan, Stephanie Chen is a cellist, performer, and educator. She is an active musician in both the Boston area and in Taiwan. At the age of 15, she made her solo debut with the Taipei Century Symphony Orchestra. Stephanie holds a B.M degree in cello performance from the Eastman School of Music (University of Rochester) and an M.M degree from the New England Conservatory with high honors. Aside from her performance career, Stephanie is passionate about music education and is an educator in the Boston area. www.stephaniechencello.com

FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Easter Flowers

If you requested an Easter plant for personal use you may pick it up after worship today. If you are viewing from home, you may pick them up at the church this week, or possibly get it delivered. Please call Deb in the office (781-843-3616) to make arrangements.



There is NO Zoom Coffee Hour this week.

There is NO Youth Group this week.



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 & Drop Food Drive is Wednesday, April 7 from 5-7pm

This month the Marge Crispin Center especially needs:

- ◇ Kleenex
- ◇ Vinegar (balsamic, apple cider, salad)
Pasta sauce
- ◇ Spaghetti-o's
- ◇ Beefaroli
- ◇ Raviolis
- ◇ Progresso soup
- ◇ Healthy Choice soup
- ◇ Cereal
- ◇ White Tuna
- ◇ chicken broth
- ◇ hot cocoa

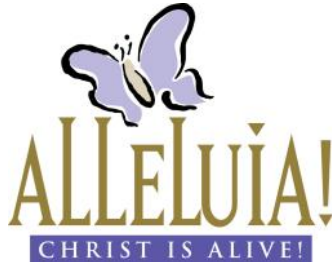
**FIRST WEDNESDAY
Food Drive**

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 attending 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 thrilled to welcome members and friends back into the Sanctuary for today's service. It is also being live-streamed.

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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