



May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean Opie

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Terry Martinson

CONGREGATIONAL 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. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Sing a new song,

A song of love for all.

Sing of the Spirit of love,

The Spirit who loves us all.

Sing of God's abiding love,

That we might love one another and all of the world.

Sing a new song,

A song of love for all.

HYMN 13

Bring Many Names

** Indicates all who are able may stand*

Please silence your cell phones

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship. Whisper your song of love in our hearts, that love may flow through every word we hear, every thought we think, every word we speak and every song we sing. Spirit of power and grace, abide in us, that we may abide in your love and proclaim your song of love for all. 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 Colossians 3:12-17
 I Corinthians 13:4-13

SERMON **“Is It Well With Your Family?”** Rev. Terry Martinson

MUSIC RESPONSE

HONORING OUR MOTHERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN

Faith of our Mothers

*1 Faith of our mothers, living yet
In cradle song and bedtime prayer,
In nurs'ry love and fireside love,
thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing--youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*2 Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
The fount of childhood's trust & grace,
O may thy consecration prove
The well-spring of a nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, lavish faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

*4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our man-made creeds,
Still serve the home & save the church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

*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

Thank you, God, for the abundant life we enjoy, not in the things we possess but in the relationships you offer and the opportunities of sharing that you provide. May all that we dedicate to you be distributed in ways that meet human need and offer praise to you. Extend our outreach beyond our vision, that we may live in awe and wonder before you, marveling at your goodness and mercy. Amen

HYMN

Happy the Home When God is There

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership Team - Sunday, May 19 following worship (Chapel)

Book Study Group - Thursday, May 23 @ 7pm (zoom)

Memorial Hymn Sing - Sunday, May 26 - *Please submit requests by May 20!*

Prudential Team - Thursday, June 6 @ 10am (office)



Help is Needed!



(AP Photo/Carlos Macedo)



Ajuda é necessária!



(AP Photo/Carlos Macedo)

Major floods have engulfed entire cities in Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul state last week, killing at least 105 people with 130 others reported missing. The floods, stretching across most of Rio Grande do Sul's 497 municipalities, have forced nearly 164,000 people from their homes.

In response, our friends in Canaa Church (the Brazilian church renting our Fellowship Hall) **are collecting non-perishables for Brazil.** There is a Pastor who will bring a shipping container to the affected area near the end of the month.

Please bring in any non-perishables to donate to this cause.

If you would like to make a monetary donation instead, please make the check out to *First Congregational Church of Braintree* and we will give them the total amount at one time. (Write Brazil aid in the memo) Mail or drop checks to the church office:

First Church Braintree, 12 Elm St, Braintree, MA 02184 Attn: Brazilian Aid

Donated goods may be dropped in the Lower Parish Hall.

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024



(AP Photo/Andre Penner)



**Thank you
Obrigado**



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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BRAINTREE

MEMORIAL HYMN SING

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024 @ 9:30AM

Join us in person or online for our eighth annual musical celebration of faith!

If you would like to sponsor one or more hymns *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* a loved one, please fill out this form. Suggested donation per hymn is \$10. To ensure your request is included in our special bulletin, please return your request form to the church office **no later than Monday, May 20th.** A portion of the hymn sing proceeds will benefit the music ministry of First Church.

Choice of Hymns:

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| 1. Holy, Holy, Holy! | 6. Here I Am Lord |
| 2. In The Garden | 7. Amazing Grace |
| 3. The Old Rugged Cross | 8. How Great Thou Art |
| 4. Precious Lord Take My Hand | 9. Let There Be Peace On Earth |
| 5. Morning Has Broken | 10. America The Beautiful |

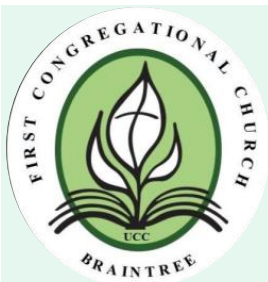
Please PRINT the names below *exactly* as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.

Given by: Please PRINT _____

	Hymn Choice Hymn # (abbreviation is fine)	Please Check One: In Memory In Honor of		In Memory of or In Honor of (Please PRINT name clearly, exactly as you wish it listed.)	* Amount Donated
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All checks should be made payable to: First Congregational Church of Braintree.
 *Suggested amount is \$10 per hymn but any amount is gratefully accepted.
 Please write "Hymn Sing" in the memo of your check.

**Total
Donation:**



Welcome! *Thank you for joining us this morning!*

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.



About Today's Service: We are live-streaming today's service.

Subscribe to the First Church YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTaGrBGnYzfM66pS7Bd4PvA>

Prayer Lists are available at the back of the sanctuary.

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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