



October 11, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Merry Foxworth, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

Thy Word is a Lamp

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God's works are great.

Our delight is in the Lord.

God's works are full of honor and majesty!

God's righteousness endures forever.

God is gracious and merciful.

God's works are faithful and just.

God is worthy to be praised.

Praise the Lord our God!

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, we come to you as we are. In the midst of our doubts, our confusion, our failures, we come with our hopes and our dreams, trusting that you will provide all that we need out of your abundant love. Open our lives to the richness of your grace, open our lives to the balm of your mercy, that we might grow into your community of life and love. Amen.

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

*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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor 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.

(The children are dismissed to Sunday School classrooms.)

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 30: 15-31

SERMON

“Why Does God Allow Suffering?”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

PRAYER HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

OFFERTORY

*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**

God of overflowing abundance, in times of drought, you kiss the earth with rain, renewing the life of every living thing; in times of hardship and want, you restore the fortunes of your people, giving them a goodly heritage. In tribute and thanks for your many blessings, we bring you gifts of our time, talents, and treasures, that the world may be touched by your love. Amen.

*HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm

LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, October 20 @ 7:00pm

YOUTH GROUP -meet at the Town Forest behind Highlands School today for a service project. (Trash pick up) Coming October 25: Pumpkin Carving (Please supply your own carving tools)



We will not be holding an Autumn Fair this year. However, since the Fair is the main source of income for our missions and outreach programs, we are initiating a “No Fair Appeal.” If you are able, please donate what you would have spent on and/or at the fair to support our missions programs. See the church website for more info. www.firstchurchbraintree.com

Today’s guest organist is **Merry Foxworth**. Ms. Foxworth has a bachelor’s degree from Oberlin Conservatory. She has played in many churches in the Boston area and in other parts of the country for years as a permanent or substitute organist. She also accompanies singers and instrumentalists and has participated in organized recitals.

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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.



About Today's Service: We are happy to be back in the Sanctuary for in-person worship. We are also live-streaming today's service for those who can not attend in person.

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!

First Congregational Church is handicapped accessible. Please see an usher if you need assistance with the elevator.

Televised Worship Services are broadcast on BCAM: Verizon Channel 28, Comcast Channel 9, and BELD Channel 16 on Saturday at 8:00 AM and Sunday at 9:00 AM.

First Church Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00am—1:00pm.



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