

October 4, 2020	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecos	t 9:30 a.m.
PRELUDE	Voluntary in G	~ H. Clarke Keith Ciccone, Organ
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. Michael Frady
INTROIT	Thy Word is a Lamp	
CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) The heavens are telling the glory of God.		
The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.		
Day and night return endlessly, showing God's steadfast love.		
The sun shines upon the earth, reflecting God's light.		
The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.		
The decrees of God bring wisdom, making wise the pure of heart.		
The heavens are telling the glory of God.		
The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.		
Come! Let us w	orship the living God.	
HYMN	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Cornerstone of our faith, do not abandon us when we fall away from you. You are the true master of the vineyard; we are here to work in your fields and make disciples through the world. Bring us into your kingdom, that we might taste the sweetness of your mercy and share the joy of your grace. 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 READING Matthew 21: 28-46

SERMON "Global Struggle and Global Communication"

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Frady

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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**

Almighty God, receive and transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of help and hope. Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become blessings to others as we serve in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Holy Redeemer, be the hope that overcomes our despair; be the love that overcomes our hatred; be the mercy that overcomes our sin. Set us free from the prisons of our own making, and release us from the bonds that bind us. Forgive us and watch over us. Welcome us home into the loving arms of your mercy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Consecration

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ode to Joy

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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.

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

Subscribe to the First Church YouTube channel: <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTaGrBGnYzfM66pS7Bd4PvA</u>

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, 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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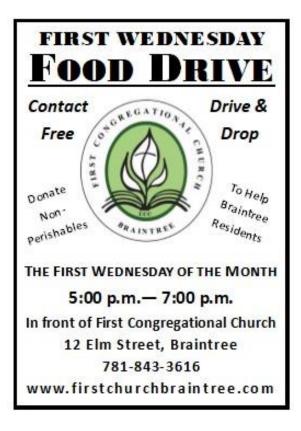


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FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM) PRUDENTIAL TEAM - Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, October 20 @ 7:00pm





Particularly Needed Items this month Include:

- Cleaning Products
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissues
- Canned Soup
- Cereal
- Non-Perishable Items

Items will be delivered to the Marge Crispin Food Pantry.

Spread the word!

YOUTH GROUP will meet in person today. Middle school group will meet from 1-2:30 High school group will meet from 2-3:30

Upcoming YG Events:

October 11 ~ Trash Pickup at the Town Forest October 25 ~ Pumpkin Carving Please supply your own carving tool kit

