



October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 worship 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

~ Beethoven





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, 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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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

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

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

