



January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Days of Rage and Days of Hope

~ A. Udis-Kessler
Keith Ciccone, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

CONGREGATIONAL INROIT

We Are Called

Valerie Johnson

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We come seeking God,

The one who guides us and protects us.

People of God, there is nothing to fear,

For God dwells in our hearts.

Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

Let us sing praises to the Holy One!

HYMN 443

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Creating God, how deeply you know us. In the mystery of your love, you see who we are and who we might become. Our bodies are your creation; they are wonderfully made. Our minds reflect your handiwork. Our spirits are a gift from you. You call us by name and invite us to follow. Lead us now into the depths of your love. 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

Leviticus 20: 10-16

Rachel Holton

SERMON

“The True Abomination”

Rev. Michael Frady

*HYMN 349

Take My Life and Let It Be

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. 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.

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

God, you are the source of all goodness and life. We bring our offerings to you this day, knowing that all we have comes from you. We hear your call and we answer, bringing all that we have and all that we are. Use our gifts, our talents, and our time for your work of peace and justice. Amen

*HYMN 579

Lord Dismiss us with Thy Blessing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BRAINTREE FEBRUARY 5 AT 10:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND ON ZOOM

The financial report will be available for members on January 29 if you wish to review it before the annual meeting. You may pick up a copy following the worship service. If you are not attending in person and would like to receive a copy then contact Deb in the office and she will mail it to you. Non-voting members are welcome to attend the meeting and can get the financial report via email. Deb: office@firstchurchbraintree.com or 781-843-3616. The Zoom link will be sent on the morning of Sunday, February 5.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Rev. Suzy's last day at First Church - Sunday, January 29

Drive & Drop Food Collection - Wednesday, February 1 @ 5:00 - 6:30pm

Annual Financial Meeting - Sunday, February 5th at 10:30am

Prudential Team - Tuesday, February 7 @ 7pm

Scout Sunday—Sunday, February 12 at 9:30am

Worship Ministry Team - Tuesday, February 14 @ 7pm on zoom

Leadership Team - Tuesday, February 21 @ 7pm on zoom



Thank you for viewing 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 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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