



October 18, 2020

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Praeludium in A Minor

~C. Eddy
Keith Ciccone, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

Thy Word is a Lamp

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

All the earth belongs to God.

In the green meadows and deep forests, let's dance before the Lord!

All the waters of the earth were created by God.

Along sandy beaches and shady riverbanks, let's dance before the Lord!

Everything that is on the earth belongs to God.

With all our sisters and brothers, let's dance before the Lord!

Come and join the dance as we celebrate God's creation!

HYMN

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of the ages, you have been present with us since the beginning. You have showered us throughout history with the blessings of your love. In this place, at this moment, we join together to praise you, to worship you, and to rejoice in your saving grace. For bringing heaven and earth together in the redemptive love of Jesus Christ, we thank you. Empower our voices to proclaim your greatness as we celebrate the good news of your love for all the earth. 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.*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Michael

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

Abide with Me

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104 (Select Verses)

SERMON

“An Autumn Reflection”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

PRAYER HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

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**

Today, O Lord, we offer you our sacrifice of time, energy, and love, knowing full well they are mere tokens of the awesome faith you inspire within us. Accept these gifts, that they may continue the good work of Christ—in our church, in our community, and in the world. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.

***HYMN**

Rejoice, The Lord is King!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Presto

~ J. Moller



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

LEADERSHIP—Tuesdays, October 20 @ 7:00pm & November 24 @ 7:00pm

PRUDENTIAL—Tuesday, November 10 @ 7:00pm

WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, November 17 @ 7:00pm

YOUTH GROUP – Meets at the church today: Middle School 1-2:30, HS 2-3:30

Coming next week: Pumpkin Carving (Please supply your own pumpkin and carving tools)

NO FAIR! 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



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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