



October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *Sanctuary*

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

**In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.**

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

**Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.**

**Gather us this morning to love and serve you with great joy, O God**

\*HYMN 354

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will.**

**In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 10:46-52

**SERMON**

**“Eyes Wide Open”**

Patti MacLennan

**MUSIC RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**HYMN 353**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**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 (Unison)**

*Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22*

**Redeeming Lord, we continually seek your comfortable refuge. You deliver us from our unfounded fears and provide us with miraculous examples of your love. In response, we offer these gifts. We pray that these funds will provide an outreach that warms people with your resplendent love. As a church community, we exalt and praise your holy name. Amen.**

\*HYMN 323

*Lord I Want to be a Christian*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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## FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Prudential Team—Thursday, November 7 @ 10am in the office

Worship Team (Deacons)—Sunday, November 10 after worship in Chapel

Leadership Team—Tuesday, November 19 @ 7pm on zoom

**NEXT DONATION OPPORTUNITY**

November 6 @ 5:00 - 6:30pm

### FIRST WEDNESDAY FOOD DRIVE

Contact

Free

Drive &

Drop

Donate  
Non-  
Perishables



To Help  
Braintree  
Residents

### YOUTH GROUP

**October 27<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm**

Halloween Party/Scavenger Hunt!

Please come in costume!

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> - \*FALL SERVICE  
PROJECT/EARLY MEET\***

Rake-and-Run! Permission slip needed

Pizza Party to follow!

**Next Sunday  
November 3rd**



### It's Time for Our Annual *Hats & Mittens Drive!*

Throughout the month of November we will be collecting NEW hats and mittens to give to the DCF (Department of Children & Families) for distribution to their clients. We will hang them in the sanctuary until we deliver them to DCF on December 2nd. (Get them in by December 1st please!)

Next Sunday we welcome our new Interim Pastor: **Rev. Karen E. Gale.**

Please join us for worship and for brunch following the service.



**Welcome!** *Thank you for joining us this morning!*

The First Congregational Church of Braintree is an Open & Affirming Congregation working in partnership with all churches of the United Church of Christ. We welcome all God's children into Christian faith regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, political stance or theological perspective, national origin, mental health status, physical and cognitive abilities, and the many diverse forms of family configurations.

We proclaim and affirm that full and equal participation in the life and leadership of our church is open to all. We seek to continue learning and growing together as the inclusive Body of Christ. We are committed to spreading the light and love of Christ into the world through worship and service. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



**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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