



February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

Christ, Be Our Light

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

In Jesus Christ we are all children of God through faith:

There is no longer Jew or Greek

There is no longer slaver or free

There is no longer male or female

There is no longer old or young

There is no longer poor or rich

There is no longer black or white

There is no longer the righteous and the sinner

There is no longer abled and disabled

For all of us are one in Jesus Christ.

Come, let us worship our God, who makes us one!

Let us worship Christ, for we are his body on earth!

HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

* Indicates all who are able may stand

Please silence your cell phones

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, as Jesus spent time with you in prayer, we come before you in prayer this day. Renew our spirits, that we might tell your story with passion and purpose. Fill us with a hope that transcends worldly values. Fill us with a love that knows no bounds. Fill us with a compassion that leads to love and service. May our lips proclaim words of praise, as we share your good news with others. Guide, empower, and encourage us with your Spirit, as we seek to minister to the world. In the name of Christ, we pray. 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

Isaiah 41: 28-31
1 John 2: 7-10

Diane Francis

SERMON

“There is Always Light”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor 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.

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**

God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Bless these offerings, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn *One Bread, One Body*

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, you created the earth, whole and round; you created us to be whole people. But we have become fragmented, cracked and broken. We have been broken by false promises, lost relationships, shattered trusts. We have become cracked with the experience of systemic sin; prejudice, oppression and fear. We have become fragmented, building up walls instead of lending hands. Forgive us when we have done the breaking, heal us where we have been hurt. Let your light shine through our cracks and scars so that we might bring light to the world, showing that in you we are made whole. In you we find healing. In you we find renewed life. Restore us now, we humbly pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN *How Can I Keep From Singing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE





THANK YOU for joining us at this Service of Worship 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 our worship services. First Church Braintree follows the advice of the United Church of Christ, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Braintree in regards to holding in-person worship service due to the current COVID-19 status in our community. Worship services are only online until further notice. Check our website for up to date information.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTaGrBGnYzfM66pS7Bd4PvA>

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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