

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."

~ Henry Ford

September 7, 2025

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Prelude Jupiter

Holst
Keith J.Ciccone, organ
Justin Ouellet, violin

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Karen E. Gale

Passing the Peace

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pass the peace with one another...

*Introit

I've Got a Feeling

I've got a feeling, everything is going to be all right O - - - I've got a feeling, everything is going to be all right, O - - - I've got a feeling, everything is going to be all right. Be all right, be all right.

*Call to Worship

No matter who we are or where we are on life's journey,

God welcomes us here.

No matter what we believe or what doubts we may have,

God welcomes us here.

No matter where we have been or if we are wandering in the wilderness,

God welcomes us here.

Come and be welcome. Come, let us seek God together. Come, add your voice. For this is the house of the Lord,

And God welcomes all here.

*Hymn 552

We Gather Together

^{*} Indicates all who are able may stand.

Children's Time

Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture

Texts on "Rallying"

*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.

Sermon

"Rally Day Sunday"

Rev. Karen E. Gale

Anthem

Dix

W. Monk

Archie Sanchez, vocals

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Creator), 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 the Offering

*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

*Anthem

Gather Us In

M. Haugen
Nancy Mills, vocals
Keith Ciccone, vocals

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Communion Hymn 519

Feed Us Now

Words of Institution/Prayer of Consecration

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, our Provider and Sustainer,
Thank you for meeting our needs,
for uniting us in the bread and the cup
for restoring our very souls.
Help us to look to you,
that we neither remain ignorant of the world,
nor lose ourselves in despair at its brokenness.
Send us out with strength for the journey
in service to all created in your image,
following Jesus our Teacher. Amen.

*Hymn 550

All Are Welcome

*Benediction

Postlude Ode to Joy Beethoven



Today's guest violinist, **Justin Ouellet**, has performed internationally from California to France, collaborating with musicians from all different backgrounds. His training as a classical musician has awarded him opportunities to perform with members of prestigious groups around the world ranging from the Philadelphia Orchestra to Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra. Justin has received recognition for his talents as an artist and educator, receiving the San Jose Jazz Live Aid Grant, Academy of Gospel of Music Educator of the Year and voted best Jazz Instrumentalist by San Francisco Classical Voice. He has produced three solo albums, one with his band d'PaJo, which pays homage to the great Stephanie Grappelli (the d'PaJo Sessions, 2021) as well as: "The 25th Street Sessions" (2019), & "Justin Ouellet: The Covid Sessions", which was released this fall. He and his wife, Ann Moss, split their time between California and Massachusetts.



Please join us in the

Lower Parish Hall

for our annual

Rally Sunday Cookout

or more precisely this year:

Cookout - Eat In

Thank you for joining us at this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church of Braintree, UCC.

Of all the things you could have done this morning, we're glad you chose to be with us.





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