



December 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

CONGREGATIONAL INROIT

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Praise the Lord from the highest heaven.

**The sun and moon, and all the stars in the sky,
sing praises to God.**

Praise the Lord from the deepest valley.

**The mountains and hills, and all the trees in the forest,
worship the Lord on high.**

Praise the Lord from your heart filled with song.

**The old and young, and all the saints of God,
sing with songs of Joy.**

HYMN

Joy to the World

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

God of wisdom and grace, may your Spirit grow within us, that we may grow in wisdom and truth all the days of our lives. Teach us your ways, that we may walk the path of Christ and lead others into your light. Clothe us with compassion and kindness, with humility and gentleness, that others may see in us the truth of your love. Bind us together in love and unity, that our church may be a haven of blessing and a place of peace. 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 40:27-31

SERMON “New and Improved” Pastor Suzy Aja Burba

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING DEDICATION

***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**

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts of Christmas that bless us throughout the year. As we offer you these gifts in gratitude and praise, we dedicate our labor, our industry, and our very lives to the building of your kingdom. May our gifts go forth to a world in need, as signs of your redemption and your hope. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



FIRST CHURCH BRAINTREE ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS (ALL ON ZOOM)

PRUDENTIAL—Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00pm

WORSHIP MINISTRY—Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00pm

LEADERSHIP—Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00pm

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Join us today (12/27) at 11:00 am for a zoom fellowship hour. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86460620110?pwd=eWwyUW5VektYQ2FZbWowUmtsRGMMyQT09>
Meeting ID: 864 6062 0110 Passcode: FCC1707

YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday, the First Church Youth Groups will meet on zoom at 1:00pm
Contact Pastor Suzy for more info suzy@firstchurchbraintree.com

PASTOR SUZY'S ORDINATION

On Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 3:00 pm Pastor Suzy Aja Burba will be ordained at Hingham Congregational Church. You are welcome to participate over zoom.

Dear Church,

As most of you already know, my ordination is coming up on January 3rd at 3pm. It is with great joy that I enter into this next phase of my ministry with our church which I have come to love so dearly. As with most gatherings in this age of pandemic, the ordination service will be held over Zoom. You are all invited to join me for this joyful occasion from the comfort of your homes. One of the most moving parts of a typical ordination service is the laying on of hands in which every person in attendance participates. Naturally, this cannot take place in its usual format. As an alternative, I am inviting all of you to participate in a unique, creative way. This involves tracing the outline of your hand on a colored piece of paper and dropping it off at, or mailing it to, the church. If you do not have colored paper, there is some available at the church office for you to stop by and trace your hand. Please write your name on the palm of the hand. All the paper hands will then be cut out and strung together to use in the ordination service. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Love and blessings to you,

Pastor Suzy

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE BOXES FOR MEMBERS

Many boxes of pledge envelopes have been delivered or picked up already. If you have not received yours by Monday, December 28th then please call the office to make arrangements for pickup or mail.



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 live-streaming today's service for those who can not attend in person. We are closely watching the recommendations of the United Church of Christ and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regards to holding in-person worship service due to the current COVID-19 status in our community. The situation is fluid so please check our webpage to confirm if weekly worship services are in-person or only online.

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, 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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