



May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Keith Ciccone, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Frady

INTROIT

Christ for the World We Sing!

Valerie Johnson, Soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Come to Christ, the true vine, and bear much fruit.

We have come to abide in the vine, and to bear the fruit of salvation.

Come to love one another, for love is of God.

We have come to the household of love, for God is love.

Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.

Come! All are welcome here.

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, the soil of your love nurtures the roots of our lives each and every day. As we consecrate ourselves into your loving care, plant us in the soil of your love, that we may abide in Christ, our true vine, and bear the fruit of your love and grace. Give us rain in seasons of doubt and nourish our growth, that our harvest of love may bless the world. In your bountiful name, 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

John 15: 1-12

Nancy Mills

SERMON

“May Your Joy be Complete”

Rev. Michael Frady

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Suzy Aja Burba

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

***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 (Unison)**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! How amazing was the ministry of Jesus Christ! Bless our efforts as we serve in his name. Use the resources we dedicate here to extend our witness in this community and to go where we cannot go, to reach many who do not know you yet. Bless each gift and giver, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Source of love and life, your glory knows no bounds. We yearn to set aside our fears, but we are often afraid. We long to love our sisters and brothers, but we often feel alienated from them. We desire to abide in you as you abide in us, but we can't seem to figure out how. Show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know you. Show us how to abide in your vine, for only then can we bear the fruit that glorifies your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

COMMUNION HYMN

Feed Us Now

CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

To God Be The Glory

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE





THANK YOU for joining us at 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.



You may attend in-person or view the live-stream of this morning's service.

Subscribe to the First Church YouTube channel:

<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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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BRAINTREE

FOURTH ANNUAL

MEMORIAL HYMN SING



SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 @ 9:30AM

Join us in person or online for our annual musical celebration of faith!

If you would like to sponsor one or more hymns In Memory of or In Honor of a loved one, please indicate their name, your hymn choice and amount of donation as well as your name, exactly as you wish it listed in the bulletin. Suggested donation per hymn is \$10.

To ensure your request is included in our special bulletin, please return your request form to the church office no later than Tuesday, May 11th. A portion of the hymn sing proceeds will benefit the music ministry of First Church.

Choice of Hymns:

- 1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
2. Be Thou My Vision
3. Great Is Thy Faithfulness
4. In the Garden
5. Nearer My God to Thee
6. Precious Lord, Take My Hand
7. My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
8. Here I Am, Lord
9. Amazing Grace
10. How Great Thou Art

Please PRINT the names below exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin.

Given by: Please PRINT (your name)

Table with 5 columns: Hymn #, Hymn Choice (abbreviation is fine), Please Check (In Memory, In Honor of), In Memory of or In Honor of (Please PRINT name clearly, exactly as you wish it listed.), * Amount Donated

All checks should be made payable to: First Congregational Church of Braintree. *Suggested amount is \$10 per hymn but any amount is gratefully accepted. Please write "Hymn Sing" in the memo of your check.

Total Donation: [Box]

Deadline to request a hymn: Tuesday, May 11th