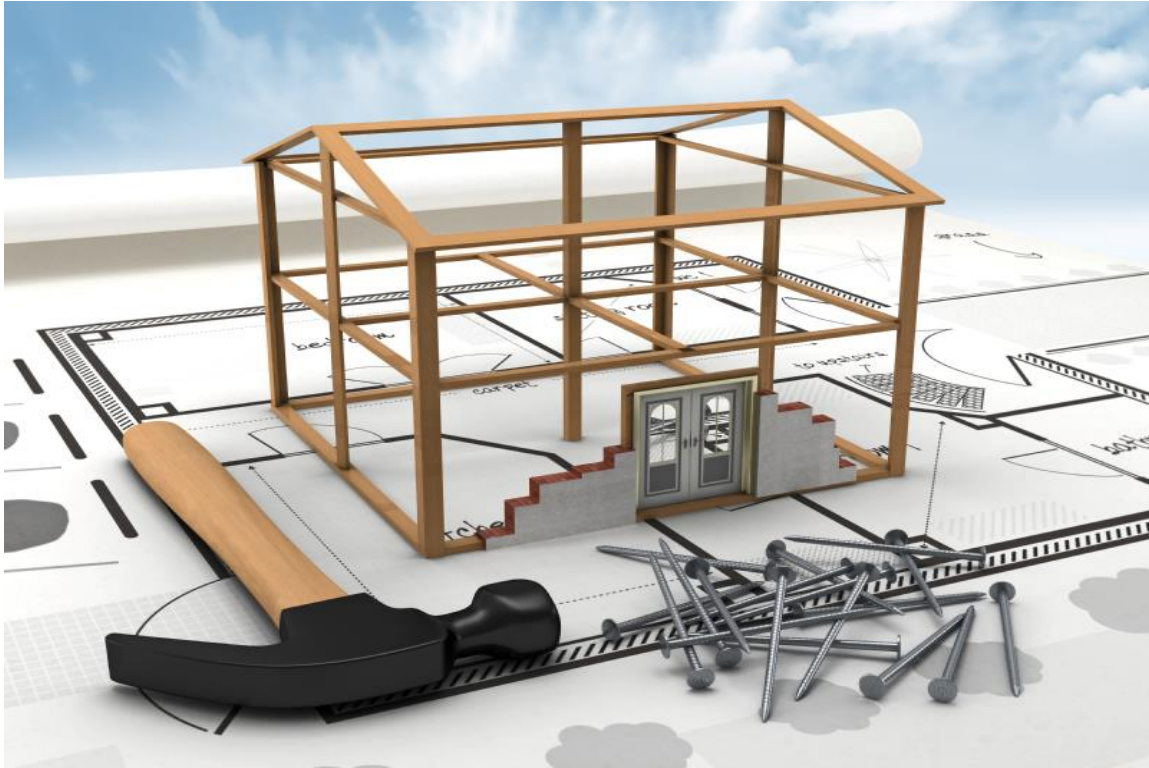


**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**of Falmouth, Massachusetts**  
**of the United Church of Christ**



**Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**You Are Welcome Here!**

We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. If you would like to share a prayer of joy or concern, we invite you to write them down on the podium outside the sanctuary entrances. During the *Moment of Greeting* we invite everyone to fill out the fellowship pad and pass the pad down your pew and back again. The Infant/ Toddler/ Preschool Playroom is open and staffed - come down any time before or during the service.

**REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister**



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Meditation:

**"I was not sure where I was going, and I could not see what I would do when I got there. But you saw further and clearer than I, and you opened the seas before my ship, whose track led me across the waters to a place I had never dreamed of, and which you were even then preparing to be my rescue and my shelter and my home." Thomas Merton**

### ORGAN PRELUDE

[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

### A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 316, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ***

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Passing of the Lord's Peace**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The people God loves have been gathered in from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some have wandered, finding no safety, hungry and thirsty.**

In their trouble they cried out to God who delivered them from distress.

**Let us thank our God for steadfast love for all humankind.**

For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.

**O give thanks to our God who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Holy God, we gather this day to give thanks for your steadfast love and to experience afresh your desire to gather all people into communities of peace. We ask you to forgive us for our doubt. We are sorry for failing to put you first in our lives, and we pray you will invigorate us with new life. Meet us here and teach us the good news of your love. Inspire us to dream big dreams of what could be. Hear our 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 glory forever. Amen.***

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Invitation and Prayer**  
**Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

[After Communion, FCC KIDS may go to their classes.]

**SCRIPTURE READING:** John 14: 1-6, 23

**SERMON:** Building a Home With God

**OFFERTORY:**

Anthem- *Evidence of Grace*, Williams

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\***HYMN NO. 210**, *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 345**, *God Be with You*

\***CHORAL POSTLUDE**

\*Those who are able, please stand

**Visitors** - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them.

**Please** turn off your cell phones.

**Please note!** Print-outs of the day's sermon are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

**Greeters** are Laura Cole and Barbara Kirsch.

**Deacons** are Don Lans, Evelyn Johnson, Joanne Blum-Carnevale, Bob McGowan, Sally Hawksworth.

**Jr. Deacon** is Elijah Drury.

**Lay reader** is Cynthia DiMestico.

**Flowers** on the altar-table are given by Colonel and Mrs. James Tow in honor of National Military Appreciation Month, and those who serve along with the families who support them.

\*Anyone wishing to commemorate a person or special event by purchasing flowers for the altar should please contact Joanne Blum-Carnevale at capecodjoanne1@gmail.com or by calling 508-548-0480.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Walk for Hope!

Everyone is invited to join members of the Outreach Committee (Team FCC) in the Housing Assistance Corporation's (HAC) annual Walk for Hope on **Sunday, May 19 at 1:00 p.m.** We are excited to announce that this year our church will again be a Sponsor of this great opportunity for anyone who wants to make a meaningful difference in our community! By walking or donating, you will help support HAC's housing programs and services which include homeless prevention, homeless outreach, operating four shelters for families, creating more affordable and attainable housing, and helping over 6,500 households per year secure the safe, stable housing they need to live and thrive on Cape Cod and the Islands.

Please let **Carole Lyons (lyonsca381@gmail.com)** know if you're interested in supporting the team, whether by walking or by donation. Your participation will make this a fun and meaningful event!

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
Thurs.	10:00 a.m.	Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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