

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



**Sunday, April 28, 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: "We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond." *Gwendolyn Brooks*

ORGAN PRELUDE

VOCAL PRELUDE Jolie Drury and Greg Mills, *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*, Haas

[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. 110,** *Jesus Shall Reign*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, I go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again.

We gather in this place to know your presence and your love, now and always.

Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the light. If you know me, you know God.

We pray to know you more deeply, that we may know God more intimately, now and always.

Jesus said, "Ask me for anything, and I will do it".

Help us to ask for the right things, Good God, that we may fulfill your will, now and always.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION 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 where safety, justice, and peace are available for all. We admit we have not done everything we can to satisfy your hope for us. With Christ as our guide, we seek to grow in your image; generous, compassionate, and welcoming. You call us into this work of community building and care. Meet us here and share with us your good news. Hear our prayers, *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.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children may leave now for FCC Kids. Visitors and new families are always welcome).

HYMN NO. A-7, *Great is Thy Faithfulness

SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-8

SERMON: A Vine as Strong as Love Itself

OFFERTORY:

Anthem, *We Will Rise*, Haas

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN NO. 7, *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

***BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 368 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds

ORGAN 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 Jan Goodell and Carol Mills.

Ushers are Doug Oesterheld, Deb O'Neil, Bob McGowan, Susan and Rusty Warren.

Deacons are Joanne Blum-Carnevale and John Honey.

Lay reader is Martine Bindler-Desbiens.

Jr. Deacon is Gideon Drury

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Joanne Blum-Carnevale.

*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

Rummage Sale on Saturday May 4th, 9am-1pm!

Donate your:

Books
Clothing Ladies
Clothing Men's
Jewelry (drop off in church office)
Linens
Plants – see below for special drop off times and instructions!
Tools, Garden, Outdoor items, Luggage, etc.
White Elephant including kitchen items

Drop off, Portico Entrance, lower level (elevator available)

Monday April 29 – 9am to 3pm
Tuesday April 30 – 9am to 3pm
Wednesday May 1 – 9am to noon only

Plant Table at the Rummage Sale

We are looking for donations of annuals, perennials, small shrubs, seeded vegetable plants, and herbs. Donations can be dropped off directly to the plant tables outside of Fellowship Hall either on Wednesday, May 1 or Thursday, May 2 between 9am – 3pm. Please make sure your plants are well watered and labeled with plant name and color (if known).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

Dates to Remember

Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday, and the Walk for Hope! All fall on May 19, so plan accordingly!

Please check out our website! www.firstcongregationalfalmouth.org or use your phone to scan the QR code!

