

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



**Sunday, January 25, 2026
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. Nursery / Prekindergarten: The downstairs playroom is available but not staffed. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a caregiver. The livestreamed service is available in the NPK classroom.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION: "The greatest risk to people is not that they aim too high and miss, but that they aim too low and hit." *Michaelangelo*

ORGAN PRELUDE

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING HYMN No. 102,** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (See Bulletin Insert)

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face to shine upon us.

May God's way be known upon earth, God's saving power among all nations.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God of steadfast love we entered this space today to worship you in gladness. We come into your presence singing your praises. You are our creator; we are your people. Be with us, O God, as we celebrate all of creation: We give thanks for the sun, water, and winds that nourish your earth and provide the bounty we enjoy. Bless us as we bless your name. 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.*

HYMN No. A-9, *How Great Thou Art*

OT SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:2-4 (OT p.780)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

NT SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:14-30 (NT p.34 in your pew Bible)

MESSAGE: In Charge of Many Things

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM, *We Have Been Told* Haas

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN No. 107,** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, No. 512,** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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 Nina and Andy Hocker.

Ushers are Wil Bindler-Desbiens, Betsy Honey, Bobbie Miner, Grace and Susan Day.

Lay Reader is Cynthia DiMestico.

Jr. Deacon is Addie Birmingham.

Deacons of the Month are Martine Bindler-Desbiens and John Honey.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Carol Erhardt Haslan in loving memory of Bruce Haslan.

*If you would like 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.

FCC Kids: The Teachings of Jesus rotation continues! In art we will have a prayer art project. In Games we will play “DIFFERENT BUT THE SAME,” “DRAW YOUR NEIGHBOR,” or “ALPHABET SCRAMBLER.” All these classes reinforce concepts of respect and acceptance.

Announcements



Shaping the Future of Falmouth's Food System

Beginning January 12, 2026, Farming Falmouth will host a four-part monthly community forum series focused on strengthening Falmouth's local food system. Based on the 2025 Falmouth Food System Assessment, each session will bring together residents, growers, and local leaders for guided discussions and action planning. The series will conclude with a Spring 2026 Food Summit to establish shared goals and working groups.

Forum Schedule (6:00-7:30 PM):

- Jan 12 - Waquoit Congregational Church
- Feb 9 - The Navigator Club, East Falmouth
- Mar 9 - Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole
- Apr 13 - Falmouth Public Library (Main Branch)

***Community participation is encouraged;
advance registration is strongly recommended***



*For more information: www.FarmingFalmouth.org
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FCC Bible Study is starting up again this Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 PM. Please join us for an engaging conversation regarding faith, scripture, and our understanding of God's call. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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

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



Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
lead me on through death's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, they power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, ho great thou art! *Refrain*

All Hail the Power

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. (Sing twice)

O martyrs, prophets, seers of old, who from God's altar call,
extol the Savior you foretold, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

All heirs of Israel's faithful race, who heed the Gospel's call,
proclaim the wonder of Christ's grace, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

Before his cross, with heaven's throng, we on our knees shall fall;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

Let there be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.