

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



**Sunday, October 18, 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.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION:

“If you want to build a ship, don’t drum up people to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.” – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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. 404** *Love Divine {Using Hyfrodol Tune}*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord’s Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 107)*

Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters.

They saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep.

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Crossing the Bar and Tolling the Bell, Capt. Ed Jackson)*

Holy and loving God, we come into your presence filled with the praises of your holy being. You who created the mountains and lakes, the great oceans and gentle rivers, have given us a most wonderful home. Forgive us, O God, when we forget to look up and see your love expressed in the world around us. Help us to recognize your love, to welcome your presence and care, and to accept your offer of new life for our spirits. In the name of the one who hushes the storm we pray, saying, *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. 303 *Softly and Tenderly*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 8:23-27 (NT p.10 in your pew Bible)

MESSAGE: Even the Winds and the Sea Obey Him

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM *Holy, Holy, Holy - Schubert*

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN NO. 535** *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 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.

Greeters are Martine and Wil Bindler-Desbiens

Ushers are Deb O'Neill, Yvonne Korwatch, Bob Korwatch, Jan Goodell and Bob Heller.

Lay Reader is Meg Becker.

Deacons of Month are Evelyn Johnson and Bob Wood.

Junior Deacon is Addie Birmingham.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by John and Betsy Honey in celebration of their 63rd anniversary. Congratulations!

If you would like to commemorate a person or special event by purchasing flowers for the altar should please contact Joanne Blum-Carnevale at capecodjoannel@gmail.com or by calling 508-548-0480.

Announcements

The Alternative Gift Market Committee needs volunteers!

Please consider giving an hour or two to help make this important event a fantastic success.

Please email Mary-Ellen
Craig: me.craig@verizon.net
with your availability Saturday,
November 7, 10am-3pm or
Sunday, November 8, 11am –
3pm.

FCC Book Group Update

In October the FCC book group is reading, *The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club* by Martha Hall Kelly. We will meet to discuss in the church parlor on Monday, October 26 at 1pm

The book for November is, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation* by legendary journalist Cokie Roberts. We will meet to discuss on Monday, November 30 at 1pm in the church parlor. All welcome.

CHURCH BUDGET MEETING

TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED
BUDGET TO THE CHURCH
COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
FOLLOWING WORSHIP
SERVICE

Come Enjoy the Howard J. Whitmore Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight!



You're invited to the Howard J. Whitmore Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight and a delicious potluck at 5:00 on October 24th in Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

The Men's Club presents John Honey on: "Cruise to the Canadian Maritimes" Tuesday 10/20, 9 a.m.



This Week's Calendar

- Tues. 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
- 9:00 a.m. Men's Club
- 10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle
- 10:30 a.m. Mahjong
- Wed. 9:30 a.m. Play Group
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons, Outreach
- Thur. 10:00 a.m. Blood Drive
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Fri. 11:00 a.m. Leadership Mtg.
- 6:00 p.m. Meditation
- Sat. 10:00 a.m. CCP
- 11:00 a.m. Supporting Mamas
- 5:00 p.m. Potluck & Cabaret

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