

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



**Sunday, October 19, 2025
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.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION: "Calvin: 'There's no problem so awful that you can't add some guilt to it and make it even worse.'" *Bill Watterson, Calvin and Hobbes*

PIANO PRELUDE

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING HYMN NO. 533, *O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS: *Martine Bindler-Desbiens*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the disciples who met the risen Christ, we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.

We come with our questions and doubts, and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

We hear the stories of God's love in the Scriptures, and we know that God is still present in this creation!

We look around at our neighbors and guests, and recognize the power of the risen Christ in their lives, offering peace, offering hope, offering courage.

All: We are witnesses to the miraculous love of Jesus! Come, let us worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, we call you to be gracious to us and hear the longing found within our prayers. In our most vulnerable moments, we pray you answer us when we call to you. But often we do not listen for you or seek your grace filled presence in our trouble. Remind us that your light shines in all moments of life. Help us feel the gladness you have placed in each of our hearts and let us live out of that glad confidence. In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Leo and Autumn Fougere*

OT SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (OT p.899 in the pew Bible)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Optional Descant

Bless-ed the peo-ple cho-sen to be his own.

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Bless-ed the peo-ple the Lord has [cho-sen,] cho-sen to be his own.

NT SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:1-8 (NT p.99 in the pew Bible)

***HYMN NO. 401,** *Amazing Grace*

MESSAGE: Pray Always and Do Not Lose Heart

OFFERTORY

PIANO ANTHEM *Nocturne in F minor, Opus 55, No.1* Chopin

***Doxology - No. 44**

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*** HYMN NO. 9,** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: HYMN # 368, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

PIANO POSTLUDE: *Maple Leaf Rag,* Joplin

*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.

Print-outs of the day's sermon are available. Please speak to one of this morning's Deacons.

Greeters are John Densler and Linda Church.

Ushers are Doug Oesterheld, Cathy Holmes, Bob Heller, Wil and Martine Bindler-Desbiens.

Jr. Deacon is Addie Birmingham.

Lay Reader is Jolie Drury.

Deacons of the Month are John Honey and Don Lans.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Cornelia Grant in blessed honor of loved ones past and present.

*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.

We are delighted to welcome Deb Carlisle as our guest musician this morning.

***Please plan to attend the fall budget meeting following worship in the Fellowship Hall.**

Announcements

GIFTS FOR GOOD

Alternative Gift Market

AN ALTERNATIVE GIFT IS A DONATION TO A WORTHY CAUSE IN HONOR OF A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER.

SHOP IN PERSON

SATURDAY, NOV 8: 10-3 & SUNDAY, NOV 9: 11-3
SAINT BARNABAS'S CHURCH GREAT HALL, 91 MAIN STREET, FALMOUTH

SHOP ONLINE
NOVEMBER 10 - 17
WWW.ALTERNATIVEGIFTMARKETCAPECOD.ORG

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FAIR TRADE VENDORS:
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Belonging to Each Other

Breakfast Food Drive

Sponsored by the Women's Union

- Single Serve oatmeal packs
- Single serve shelf stable milk - milk that does not need to be refrigerated.
- Individual serving fruit cups
- Individual serving apple sauce
- Single serve instant coffee packets



OR make a money donation by writing a check made payable to Women's Union with BTEO on the memo line and leave in the Church Office or give to Barbara Kirsch, Pres. or Carol Mills, Treas.

*Please place donations in the
Barrel or Red Wagon
in the Portico Lobby.*

FCC Kids: Children gather in the sanctuary for the beginning of worship and stay through the passing of the peace, after which they are led to the downstairs classroom by our Director of Christian Education Danielle Dallis. A new rotation, THE GOOD SAMARITAN, continues this Sunday and runs through November 9th, with a "break" on October 26th for some fun Halloween arts and crafts.

Men's Group: Tuesday, October 21 in the meeting room. Brian Kelly will be leading a discussion about SMART appliances and how they can make your home more energy efficient.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Playtime Playgroup
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

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



O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand

O God, beneath thy guiding hand those exiled pilgrims crossed the sea,
and when they trod the wintry strand, with prayer and psalm they worshiped thee.

Thou heard'st well-pleased, the song, the prayer; thy blessing came, and still its power
shall onward through all ages bear the memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God carried those exiles o'er the waves,
and where their pilgrim feet have trod, the God they trusted guards their graves.

And here thy name, O God of love, their children's children shall adore,
till these eternal hills remove, and spring adorns the earth no more.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
give of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
starts and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, all how live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.