

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



**Sunday, October 5, 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..

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION: "Anger ventilated often hurries toward forgiveness; and concealed often hardens into revenge." *Edward G. Bulwer-Lytton*

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. 321, *Thee We Adore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 17)

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry.

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness.

When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, we praise you for your faithfulness. We worship you in song, prayer, and gift, and we come today in search of your strength and grace. Empower us to better walk in your way, and when we stray, gently guide us back to your fold. Bestow a blessing upon each one today, that we may see our lives and affairs more clearly, that we may better recognize the presence of your Holy Spirit, and that we may give more of ourselves to you and to the world around us. This we pray in the name of Jesus, 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 the glory forever. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION AND PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OT SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (OT p.894 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 17:5-10 (NT p.97 in the pew Bible)

MESSAGE: Doing What We Are Told to Do

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM: *One Bread, One Body*, Foley

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: No. 345 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

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.

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

Greeters are Jennifer Donoghue and Jan Goodell.

Deacons are John Honey, Deb O'Neil, Grace Day, Evelyn Johnson., Will and Martine Bindler- Desbiens.

Jr. Deacon is Elijah Drury.

Lay Reader is Linda Church.

Deacons of the Month are Cathy Holmes and Don Lans.

Flowers on the altar-table are given with a grateful heart by Lois Parker in celebration of David's heavenly birthday, and the life and love they shared.

Flowers in front of the lectern are give lovingly given by Tom and Judy Durham in celebration of their son Ben's, and his fiancé Mallory's, wedding next week on October 11.

*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.

Announcements

All Are Invited

Judy Handley's Part II:

***Indonesia, Madagascar, Bali,
Borneo before seeing pictures from
an African safari.***

Wed, Oct. 8th, 10am

Program starting immediately following a brief Women's Union business meeting.



Judy Handley will present PART II of her journey which she and her husband made beginning in 2005 on Windbird, a 42-foot cutter-rigged Tayana sailboat. They visited 36 countries on 5 continents and sailed almost 39,000 miles on their 6-year journey.

***There will be a light lunch following the presentation.
Please sign up by October 5 if you plan to stay for the
lunch. Or email Barbara Kirsch, epk23brk@comcast.net.***

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Playtime Playgroup
	3:30 p.m.	Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

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The Board of Trustees will hold an after-church informational session following worship, to inform the congregation and seek input on three initiatives; the installation of air conditioning in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, the establishment of a policy regarding the serving of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with weddings performed at the church, and the replacement of the church signs on Main Street and Katharine Lee Bates Road. Please join us as we gather in Fellowship Hall following worship.

THIS IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH! The Feeding America network's annual nationwide campaign designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of hunger in the United States. For those in need, a daily meal is often not a choice between different dishes. It can be a choice between food and other crucial needs like medicine, rent, or utilities. You can take action to help our own neighbors in need by donating food items to our Service Center. Please check the list on our food barrels and share a few items with our friends. **THANK YOU! YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

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



Hymns

Thee We Adore

Thee we adore, O blessed Savior, thee, who in this sacrament now are pleased to be.
Both mortal flesh and spirit in thy presence fail. Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord, who bread and wine to us here doth afford!
O may our hungry souls forever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

O Christ, whom now our eyes can but dimly see, may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee, our Lord, at last and see they face, the vision glorious of thy perfect grace.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*