

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



**Sunday, November 9, 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 in the NPK classroom.

Rev. Jonathan Drury, Minister

Please join us for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following worship.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION: *“To die, to sleep -*

To sleep, perchance to dream - ay, there's the rub,

For in this sleep of death what dreams may come...” William Shakespeare, Hamlet

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. 250,** *Here in This Place*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 148)*

Praise the One who commanded your creation!

Praise God, you angels, from the highest heights!

Let sun and moon and shining stars rejoice!

Let praise resound from the earth itself, from the deepest seas!

Fire and hail, snow and frost! Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars! Creeping things and flying birds: glory in your Creator!

Young and old together! Men and women alike! Rulers of the earth and common folk in unity: praise God's holy name!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Speak to us, Creator God, and make us new. We long to rest in you, to trust in your goodness, and to accept your care for us. But we have not learned how to rest, and we are forgetting how to trust. Slow us down, Holy One, and attend to our restlessness. Show us that you are our salvation and our resting place. Help us to try harder and do better. Come, move among us as we pray your 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 the glory forever. Amen.*

OT SCRIPTURE READING: Job 19:23-27a (OT p.576 in the pew Bible)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Optional Descant

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

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

NT SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 20: 27-38 (NT p.103 in the pew Bible)

***HYMN NO. 401,** *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

MESSAGE: GOD OF THE LIVING

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM *Holy, Holy, Holy,* Schubert

***Doxology - No. 44**

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. A-5,** *Blessed Assurance*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give

thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the

weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich: be-cause of what the Lord has

done for us. Give thanks.

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 Lee Campbell and Marcia Young.

Ushers are Doug Oesterheld, Jan Goodel, Cathy Holmes, Andy Hocker, David and Mary Ellen Craig.

Lay Reader is Meg Becker.

Deacons of the Month are Wil Bindler-Desbiens and Bob McGowan.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Penny Foster in loving memory of her mother, Ruth Victory Foster, born November 11, 1918, the end of World War One.

*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: This Sunday we will start in the service until the Passing of the Peace. We will head down to the ART room and read the parable of the Good Samaritan from the Bible Stories for the Young by Sally Grindley. As always there will be juice and snacks.

Announcements

All Are Invited

Penny Foster's Ireland:



Isle of Iona & it's 6th century history

Wed, Nov. 12th, 10am

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

*There will be
a light lunch
following the
presentation.
Please sign up*

*by November 9 if you plan to stay for the lunch. Or email
Barbara Kirsch epk23brk@comcast.net.*



Hunger and hardship are not distant realities and God's provision does not depend on politics; so when Congress is unable to act, we still can by partnering with The Service Center to help our local neighbors in need. Please check the food needs on our barrels and remember that November 23rd is frozen Turkey drop off (10-14 lbs, not fresh). The Children's Holiday Program has also begun, now collecting winter coats sizes 0- 16. Thank you! Your Outreach Committee.

The Board of Deacons will be sponsoring "Katharine Lee Bates Sunday" on Sunday, November 23rd. The worship service will honor the exceptional connection our church shares with Katharine Lee Bates. The 37-minute film *"From Sea to Shining Sea: Katharine Lee Bates and the Story of America the Beautiful"* will be shown following worship in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a Q&A session with one of the producers and a local historian. A short reception will be held between the worship service and the screening of the film.

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.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation



Here In This Place

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, now the dark night has vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in your waters; here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*