

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



**Sunday, February 15, 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: "Life's splendor forever lies in wait about each one of us in all its fullness, but veiled from view, deep down, invisible, far off. It is there, though, not hostile, not reluctant, not deaf. If you summon it by the right word, by its right name, it will come." *Franz Kafka*

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. 477, *God of Grace and God of Glory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

We have gathered in this church, this holy place. Let us meet together here, away from the distractions of the world.

Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

You have shown yourself to be a forgiving God, therefore we exalt your name.

Come! Receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace.

Come! Says the Lord; receive wisdom and strength. Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to receive your Word.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, we extol and honor you for who you are. We praise you for your faithfulness and for the daily renewal of your tender mercies. We exalt you, for every blessing of yesterday, the gift of this day, and the promises of our tomorrows. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, the image of Christ. Increase in us the faith and courage of the prophets, the love of Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Hear our voices as we offer you 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.*

OT SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 24:12-18 (OT p.87)

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

NT SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:1-9 (NT p.22 in your pew Bible)

MESSAGE: Everything Is Changed

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM, *Love Grows Here* Besig

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN NO. 7,** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, NO. 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.

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 Petra Breen and Cynthia DiMestico.

Ushers are Linda Church, Doug Oesterheld, and Gail and David Coe.

Lay Reader is John Densler.

Jr. Deacon is Nathan Birmingham.

Deacons of the Month are Peg Wickman and Evelyn Johnson.

The flowers on the altar-table are given by Jan Goodell in memory of her dear friend Jeanne Churchill, who is remembered every time Jan hears an opera,

*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 morning we will meet in the ART room and discuss an overview of Holy Week along with making and coloring a craft. This craft will be the "lead in" to start next week's rotation on the Last Supper.

Announcements

Church World Service's World Day of Prayer

Fri. March 6th – 10am Worship Service
Followed by light refreshments

Hosted by the Women's Union of the
First Congregational Church



**All are Invited to this
Upper Cape gathering of Churches**

**First Congregational Church
68 Main Street, Falmouth MA 02540**



Meal Packing Event

Volunteers Needed – Register:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/firstcongchurchfalmouth26>

Sat., March 7th 1-3pm

First Congregational Church of Falmouth



68 Main Street, Falmouth MA 02540
Across from the Village Green

FCC Bible Study: A New Chapter

Please join us during the season of Lent for a six class study held on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:30, February 24 - March 31 in the Meeting Room. We will study the Apostle Paul, the man and his writings. All are welcome!! No prior knowledge or experience necessary. Come to as many classes as your schedule allows. Join us for fellowship, learning, and spirited discussion about one of the most controversial people in the Bible!

This Week's Calendar

Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Playtime!
	12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service at Waquoit, UCC. (Simple lunch following)
	7:00 p.m..	Church Council
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Contemplative Meditation



Hymns

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
now fulfill your church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
From the feats that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's waring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your heav'nly goal, lest we miss your heav'nly goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

Softly and Tenderly

Softy and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me,
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Refrain: Come home, come home, ye who are weary come home; earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling, calling
"O Sinner, come home!"

Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should be wait, then, and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore the, 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.