

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



**Sunday, March 22, 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:** "It is not more surprising to be born twice than once; everything in nature is resurrection." *Voltaire, 18th century*

**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. 193,**      *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Passing of the Lord's Peace**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

**O God, you know!**

We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

**O God, you know!**

The gift is sure and unmistakable:

**God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!**

Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

**And come to worship God with joy and thanksgiving!**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Life giving God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you, and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children. Life giving God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of our losses. Open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst. Hear us now as we raise our voices in praise to you, *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. A-9**      *How Great Thou Art*

**OT SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 130 (OT p.705)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Come to me, come to me, come when you are weary. Come to me, come to me, and I will give you rest.*

**OT SCRIPTURE READING:** Ezekiel 37:1-6 (OT p.987 in your pew Bible)

**MESSAGE:** The View from the Valley

**OFFERTORY**

**ANTHEM,** *Were You There* McDonald

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\* **HYMN NO. A-15,** *Lift High the Cross*

\***BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 198,** *Jesus Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**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 Grace Day and Cynthia DiMestico.

**Ushers** are Jennifer Donoghue, John Densler, Linda Church, Katie and Bill Dreyer.

**Lay Reader** is Petra Breen.

**Jr. Deacon** is Adaline Birmingham.

**Deacons of the Month** are Cathy Holmes and Wil Bindler-Desbiens.

\*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](mailto:capecodjoanne1@gmail.com) or by calling 508-548-0480.

grocery items at FSC (we update this list each month). We are gratefully accepting the following grocery items for March 2026:

Raisin Bran/Corn Flakes

White Rice or Brown Rice

Canned Kidney Beans

Canned Peaches

Ensure/Boost

Menstrual Products: regular sized tampons and maxi pads

Wet Canned Dog/Cat Food

In addition, we are always happy to accept donations of baby diapers (sizes 2-6) and Boost/Ensure. Thank you!"

**HOLY WEEK**

March 29 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday

April 2 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

April 5 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

**This Week's Calendar**

Tues. 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle

10:30 a.m. Mahjong

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wed. 10:00 a.m. Playtime!

Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

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**Announcements**

**From our friends at the Falmouth Service Center:** "We are now accepting non-perishable

### **Go to Dark Gethsemane**

Go to dark Gethsemane, all that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

See him at the judgement hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
see him meekly bearing all! Love for us his soul sustained.  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring all his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus how to die.

### **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
*Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, ho great thou art! *Refrain*

### **Lift High the Cross**

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod. The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*