

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



**Sunday, March 10, 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: "If you judge people, you have no time to love them." *Mother Teresa, Saint of Calcutta*

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. 183,** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 95)

O come, let us sing to our GOD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities.

The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Holy One, our Maker!

Yes! The Creator is our God, and we are God's people: O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of grace and truth, we come to church today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, and entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and gentle, loving care. Thank you for the many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ who taught his followers to pray, 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 glory forever. Amen.*

OT SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 17:1-7 (OT p.79)

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.*

NT SCRIPTURE READING: John 4:5-15 (NT p.115 in your pew Bible)

HYMN NO. A-14 *It is Well with My Soul*

MESSAGE: Thirsting for Living Water

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM, *A Gaelic Blessing* Rutter

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN NO. 418,** *Faith of Our Fathers*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, NO. 341,** *Peace I Leave with You*

Peace I leave with you, my friends, peace the world cannot give. Peace I leave with you, my friends, so that your joy be ever full.

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 Matine Bindler-Desbiens and Jan Goodell.

Ushers are Susan and Grace Day, Peggy and Dave Wickman, Andy and Nina Hocker.

Lay Reader is Cynthia DiMestico.

Jr. Deacon is Kasyn Schouten.

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

The flowers on the altar-table are given by Carol Mills in memory of Maley and Eleanor Cramer, Donald Marin Cramer, MIA, and Benjamin and Guinevere Mills.

*If you would like to commemorate a person or special event by purchasing flowers for the altar should please contact Joanne Blum-Carnevale at capecodjoanel@gmail.com or by calling 508-548-0480.

Announcements



FCC Bible Study: A New Chapter

Please come join in the conversation during the season of Lent for the next four classes of our Bible Study held on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:30, March 10 - March 31 in the Meeting Room. We are studying about the life and mission of the Apostle Paul. 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!

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

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!
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir

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Hymns

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this! That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing,
I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river, upholds me each day, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. *Refrain*

O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when clouds are rolled back as a scroll;
the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall appear, even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Those martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free,
and blest would be their children's fate, if we, like them, should die for thee. *Refrain*

Faith of our mothers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life. *Refrain*

Faith of the ages, God's great power shall win all nations unto thee,
and through the truth that comes from God, all souls will then indeed be free. *Refrain*