

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



**Sunday, April 12, 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. The Toddler/Preschool Playroom is open but unstaffed. You are welcome to make use of it at anytime during the service, but please remain with your child at all times.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION: “I hope you realize that every day is a fresh start for you. That every sunrise is a new chapter in your life waiting to be written.” *Janson Dizon*

PRELUDE

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* **OPENING HYMN NO. 107**, *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, sing and dance in the light of Christ's resurrection!

Let us lift our heads and open our eyes wide so that we can see every morning as an Easter morning!

God's redeeming work of love and grace was not silenced in the stone-cold tomb.

Let us clear away the voices filled with negativity and unkind palaver so that the hope-filled words that “Christ is Risen” can be seen in the lives we live.

The tomb was empty!

Let us bring the SONlight into the dark places in our world!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Oh risen Lord, who appeared to dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus and opened to them the scriptures so their hearts burned within them, through our worship set our hearts ablaze with a compassion that warms the souls of those who we meet in our daily journeys. Ignite our souls with a love for being righteous and just in all that we say and do. May we live “Hallelujah, he is risen” lives! Hear us now as we raise our voices in prayer and 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 the glory forever. Amen.*

***HYMN NO. 204**, *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (OT p.694)
Luke 24:13-35 (NT p.109)

MESSAGE: Sunrise or Sunset? That is the Question!

OFFERTORY

MUSIC SELECTION

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 209**, *Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN #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.

*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 Anne Dyer and Marcia Young.

Ushers are Wil and Martine Bindler-Desbiens, Margaret and Wayne Coffin, Mary Ellen and David Craig.

Lay Reader is Greg Mills.

Jr. Deacon is Adaline Birmingham.

Deacons of the Month are Sue Anttila and Bob McGowen.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Wil and Martine Bindler-Desbiens in loving memory of their sisters, Veronique and Georgette, and their brother-in-law, Michael.

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

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Robert Naylor as our guest minister this morning, along with Debbie Carlisle as our guest musician!

From Danielle for FCC Kids: This morning, we will start the Story of Zacchaeus. Kids will meet in the MOVIE room to watch the animated DVD, Treasure in Heaven, by Nest Entertainment. With the Falmouth school break coming up, we will not have FCC Kids on April 19th. Josh Triannes will be leading the MOVIE rotation (and I really appreciate him stepping up while I am out).

Announcements

Rummage & Plant Sale

Sat May 9th, 9am-1pm

First Congregational Church
68 Main Street, Falmouth MA 02540



Donate your:

Books and puzzles
Household, kitchen, and garden items
Jewelry (drop off in church office M-F, 9am and 1pm)
Plants – see below for special drop off times and instructions
Gadgets & Gear – sporting goods, tools, portable electronics, luggage...

Drop off, Portico Entrance, lower level (elevator available)

Mon thru Fri, starting Mon, April 6 thru Wed, May 6 from 9am to 3pm

Plant Table at the Rummage Sale

We are looking for donations of annuals, perennials, small shrubs, seeded vegetable plants, and herbs. Donations can be dropped off directly to the plant tables outside of Fellowship Hall either on Wed, May 6 or Thurs, May 7 between 9am – 3pm. Please water your plants and label with plant name and color (if known).

Volunteer to Help

Sign up to help in the red three-ring binder outside the church office or contact Jackie Nuccio, Chair (text 508-540-5488 or email kaolin4669@mypacks.net) or Carol Mills, Assistant to the Chair. Join in the Fun! Thank You!

This Week's Calendar

Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Playtime!
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Mindful Meditation
Sun.	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation

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:

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!"

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



Hymns

All Hail the Power

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. (Sing twice)

O martyrs, prophets, seers of old, who from God's altar call,
extol the Savior you foretold, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

All heirs of Israel's faithful race, who heed the Gospel's call,
proclaim the wonder of Christ's grace, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
to Christ all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

Before his cross, with heaven's throng, we on our knees shall fall;
we'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. (2X)

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God has brought Israel into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring to souls today; Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen;
all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the joyous season, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feats, come its joy to render;
come to glad Jerusalem who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold him as a mortal;
but today amid the twelve Christ now stands, bestowing
peace and joy which evermore pass all human knowing.

Alleluia! The Strife is O'er

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun.

Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen Head.

Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heaven's high portals fell. Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.

Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live and sing to thee.

Alleluia!

Final Ending:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!