

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



**Sunday, May 17, 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:** "The connections we make in the course of a life... maybe that's what heaven is."  
*Mr. Fred Rogers*

### 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. 10,**      *Holy, Holy, Holy*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Passing of the Lord's Peace**

### CALL TO WORSHIP      (BASED ON PSALM 68)

We shout for joy to our God who is above us!

**We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!**

God is Sovereign over the earth, Defender of the defenseless, and Parent to orphans.

**God leads captives to freedom and breaks the yoke of oppression.**

God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.

**O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**God Most High, we gather to honor and glorify you. Enfold us in your presence and fill us again with holy awe and mystery. We are yours and we claim you as our God, for you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Grant us courage to be Christ's witnesses, and inspire us to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world. O God, hear our prayers, *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. 401,**      *Amazing Grace*

**SCRIPTURE:**    **OT:** Isaiah 26:6-9 (p.799 OT)

**SONG RESPONSE:** *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad.*

**NT:** John 6:1-13 (p.118 NT)

**MESSAGE:** The Origin of the Doggie Bag

**OFFERTORY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *Jerusalem My Destiny* Cooney

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\* **CLOSING HYMN NO. A-7,** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE,** *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich:"

because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

\*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 Turner and Carla Zavorskas.

**Ushers** are Carol and Richard Lyonnaise, Martine and Wil Bindler-Desbiens.

**Lay Reader** is Cynthia DiMestico.

**Deacons of the Month** are Joanne Blum-Carnevale and Evelyn Johnson.

**Flowers on the altar-table** are given by the Miner family in loving memory of our beloved Rich, on the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing.

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

**We are delighted to have Rev. Sheldon Keller as our guest minister this morning!**

## Announcements

*You're Invited!*

## FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**SATURDAY May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9 am**

*(Fellowship Hall)*

***Enjoy a tasty breakfast  
with the congregation  
and friends!***

***\*Bring a side: muffins, fruit etc. if you  
would like\****

*Let* **HOPE** *Ring!* 

**You're Invited!**

**Saturday  
June 13, 2026  
5:00PM - 7:30PM  
First Congregational Church  
of Falmouth  
68 Main Street  
Falmouth, MA 02540**



The Cape Cod Council of Churches invites you to *Generations of Hope* — a special in-person fundraising event hosted at the historic First Congregational Church in Falmouth. Together, we will “**Let Hope Ring!**” as we celebrate the Council’s intergenerational work restoring hope and building strength across our community, and enjoy hearing the church’s Paul Revere steeple bell **Ring!** in honor of our nation’s 250th anniversary.

### **Schedule for the Evening**

**5:00 PM**  
Passed Hors d'oeuvres, Complimentary First Glass of Wine or Beer (cash thereafter), Silent Auction, Games & Prizes

**6:00 PM**  
Seated Dinner

**6:30 PM**  
Welcome, Laughs & Live Donations

**7:30 PM**  
Silent Auction Check-Out

**Tickets**  
\$125 Per Person

**Early Bird Savings**  
Ticket quantity is limited to 25. Early Bird Price of \$100 is valid through Sunday, May 3 at 11:59 PM. Ticket Price thereafter will be \$125.

*Purchase tickets no later than May 29, 2026. All proceeds to benefit the programs of the Cape Cod Council of Churches.*

Everyone is invited to join members of the Outreach Committee (**Team FCC**) in the Housing Assistance Corporation’s (HAC) annual **Walk for Hope on Sunday, May 31**. We are excited to announce that **this year our church will again be a Sponsor of this great event**, which is for anyone who wants to make a meaningful difference in our community. By walking or donating, you help support HAC’s housing programs and services which include homeless prevention, homeless outreach, operating four family shelters, creating more affordable and attainable housing, and helping over 6,500 households per year secure the safe, stable housing they need to live and thrive on Cape Cod and the Islands.

Please let Carole Lyons (lyonsca381@gmail.com) know if you’re interested in supporting the team, whether by walking or by donation. Your participation will make this a fun and meaningful event.

### **This Week’s Calendar**

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| 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.   | 6:30 p.m.  | Mindful Meditation (last week before summer break) |

# Hymns

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, canting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God everliving, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hid thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **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.

## **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*