

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



**Sunday, June 15, 2025  
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:** "Life is this simple. We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time." *Thomas Merton*

**CHORAL PRELUDE:** *Christ In Me Arise*, Composed by Trevor Thomson, Soloist: Addie

### A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 407,** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Passing of the Lord's Peace**

### FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life.

**Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.**

Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

**Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the way.**

Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

**All: Let us worship God!**

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

**O God, how wonderful are the many ways we experience your presence! Help us to draw near to you, that we may receive all that you have to offer us in this time and place. Open our ears so that we can hear wisdom's call. Set our hearts ablaze with your healing fire. Nourish us with the gift of community. Empower us to follow and to serve you.**

**Come and move among us as we share your prayer, 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 the glory forever. Amen.*

#### RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Proverbs 8:1-4 (NT p.725 in your pew Bible)

**MESSAGE:** Beginning With Wisdom

**OFFERTORY**

**ANTHEM,** *How Great They Art*, (Traditional)

Soloists: Addie and Steve

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

**CALL TO PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

\* **HYMN NO. 54,** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE; HYMN No. 368,** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**POSTLUDE:** *Peace Will Come* Soloists: Addie and Steve

\*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 Beth Quigley, Linda Church.

**Ushers** are Susan Day, Deb O'Neil, Lee Turner, Peg and Dave Wickman.

**Lay Reader** is Jolie Drury.

**Deacons of the Month** are Cathy Holmes and Evelyn Johnson.

**Flowers on the altar-table** are given by Jolie and Jonathan Drury in memory of their fathers, John Edward Thomas and Robert Warwick Drury.

\*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.

**Thank you to Addie and Steve Birmingham for this morning's outstanding music!**

## **Announcements**

**From Donation To Impact; The Full Circle of Giving:** Please help The Service Center fulfill their mission: “to ease stress, reduce hunger, and improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need “ This month’s food needs include: Apple juice (64 oz ), canned chicken, spaghetti (1 lb.), mayo, cheerios, saltines. Thank you! Your Outreach Committee

### **A Look through the Tiny Door – Tours of the First Congregational Church’s Austin Pipe**

**Organ:** John Dulina is continuing to offer a 15 to 20 minute presentation about our 50 year old Austin Pipe Organ following worship. He will teach about how an organ works to create its magnificent and unique sounds. The presentation will include an opportunity for folks to tour the back of the organ to see the actual mechanical workings of the instrument. Sign-ups for future tours are available in the office lobby.

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
	11:30 a.m.	Men’s Group Lunch at The Flying Bridge
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Playtime Playgroup
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council

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### **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I pause along my journey, by thy help thus far I've come;  
and I hope, by thy great mercy, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
came to rescue me from danger, gave his body, shed his blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am called to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

### **For the Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
*Refrain:* Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and star of light, *Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, *Refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine unto us so freely given,  
graces, human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, *Refrain*

### **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.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives  
our courage by the way;  
while each in expectation lives  
and waits to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin, we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.