

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



**Sunday, June 29, 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: “You have to decide who you are and force the world to deal with you, not with its idea of you.” James Baldwin

PRELUDE: *Allegro from Duet No.1,* OP 46 by G. Kummer

A MOMENT OF GREETING

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

***OPENING HYMN NO. 110,** *Jesus Shall Reign*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Genesis 21)

The sun shines more brightly. Its warmth stays with us for so many more hours.

So we shake free of our routines.

We wander this creation: Hoping God will open our eyes.

Praying God will make us worthy.

Wanting to grow with God.

Welcoming the whole world in God's name.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we are yours. We are all one human family. In your love you created us and through your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time. Teach us to weave our lives together and in this way, each day, we begin again in love. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. 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.*

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:4-12 (OT p.404 in your pew Bible)

MESSAGE: Words for the Weary

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: *Allegretto from Duet No.1*, OP 46 by G. Kummer

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN NO. A-7**, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE: *La Joyeuse*, Jean Philippe Rameau

*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 Joanne Blum-Carnevale and Carol Mills.

Ushers are Jeanne Burton, Grace Day, Susan Day, Jan Goodell, Rusty and Susan Warren.

Lay Reader is Greg Mills.

Deacons of the Month are Cathy Holmes and Evelyn Johnson.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Eleanor Engstrom in celebration of Hunter and Ryan Rickenbacher's wedding on June 28th, the anniversary of Hunter's grandfather George's birthday.

*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 or by calling 508-548-0480.

We are delighted to welcome Mary Sholkovitz and Alexandra Armitage as our guest musicians this morning!

Mary Sholkovitz is a flutist who teaches flute in her Falmouth studio. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. and MSW. Her first career was as a social worker. Later she taught Early Childhood Music Classes as well as flute. She performs in various chamber ensembles and is a dedicated member of Falmouth Chorale.

Alexandra Armitage is a clarinetist who graduated from Tufts University and New England Conservatory. She followed that with nursing studies at Boston College and U.Mass. Amherst. She currently is a psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at Martha's Vineyard Hospital. She enjoys playing music with friends and is a member of the Falmouth Town Band, the Cape Cod Concert Band and various chamber groups.

Announcements

Today we celebrate the third anniversary of our church's decision to become an Open and Affirming Congregation. Following worship, please come over to the Fellowship Hall to celebrate with cake!

From Donation To Impact; The Full Circle of Giving: the needs of our neighbors at The Service Center do not go on vacation during the summer months! Please remember to check the list on our food barrels and share a few items with our friends. 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

Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Hyannis Sound Concert
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	Playtime Playgroup
Fri.	<u>Office Closed for the 4th of July!</u>	

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



Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth its successive journeys run;
Christ's love shall reach from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Through Christ shall endless prayer be made, borne by the Spirit's ceaseless aid;
like spring perfume new hymns shall rise sweet'ning all the endless skies.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on Christ's love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their earliest prayers in Jesus' name.

Blessings abound where'er Christ reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring tributes of praise for all to sing;
let angels sound good news again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

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*

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.