

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



**Sunday, June 7, 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: "Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless." *Henri J.M. Nouwen*

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. 250,** *Gather Us In*

Gather Us In

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, now the dark night has vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong,
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in your waters; here we receive the bread of new birth;
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not just in buildings, small and confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
here in this place the new light is shining; now is God present, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 5)

Come, let us worship and bow down in awe of God's steadfast love for us.

For God gives ear to our words; God listens to the sound of our cries.

Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.

For God is our shield, our protection in times of trouble.

Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!

For God is surely in this place! Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we come to you eager to experience the tender warmth of your embrace. Help us to set aside any distractions that would keep us from resting in your presence. Open our ears to hear what you have to say to us. Open our eyes to see how you are at work among us. Open our hearts to receive your inspiration and guidance. Give us the courage to follow you wherever you may lead us. 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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION AND PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

NT: Matthew 5:38-48 (p.6 NT)

MESSAGE: Holding Hope in Our Hearts

OFFERTORY

PIANO ANTHEM Arr. Dulina

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, *God Be with You*

God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

*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 Grace Day and Carla Zavorskas.

Communion servers/ Ushers are Judy Heller, Bob Wood, Sally Hawksworth, Evelyn Johnson, Joanne Blum-Carnevale, and Cathy Holmes.

Jr. Deacon is Nate Birmingham.

Lay Reader is John Densler.

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

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Carole Lyons in loving memory of her husband Dick.

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

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for the 1st Annual Nominating Fair!

Announcements



You're Invited!

Saturday

June 13, 2026

5:00 PM—7:30 PM

First Congregational Church
of Falmouth

68 Main Street, Falmouth MA



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 of 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.



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

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