

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



**Sunday, July 20, 2025  
9:00 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:** "Take more time, cover less ground." Thomas Merton

**VOCAL PRELUDE:** *Amazing Grace*, Corinne Cole, Soloist

### A MOMENT OF GREETING

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

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 26,** *Praise to the Lord*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Passing of the Lord's Peace**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry.

**From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.**

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

**I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness.

**When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

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

**Wonderful, surprising God, you bring us hope when we are discouraged, peace when we are anxious, and joy when we are least expecting it. Help us, now, to rest in your presence. Be our welcome Guest not only here but everywhere we go this week. Show us how to receive all that you have to offer us. May we remain open even to what seems too incredible to be true, for with you, so much more is possible than we could ever imagine. Come into this place and make us one with each other 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.***

## REFLECTION

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 10:38-42 (NT p.87 in your pew Bible)

**MESSAGE:** There's Only One Thing

## OFFERTORY

**ANTHEM:** *How Great Thou Art*, Laura Cole, Soloist

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

## CALL TO PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## BENEDICTION

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

## POSTLUDE

\*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 Carla Zavorskas and Donna Dragos.

**Ushers** are Judy Handley, Craig Parkhill, Wil Bindler-Desbiens, and Joanne Blum-Carnevale.

**Lay Reader** is Martine Bindler-Desbiens.

**Deacons of the Month** are Joanne Blum-Carnevale and Debbie O'Neil.

**Flowers on the altar-table** are given by John and Sue Simchock in celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary.

\*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.

**We are delighted to have Corinne and Laura Cole as our featured musicians this morning!**

## Announcements



*Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee*  
Rembrandt Van Rijn

### **"The Fine Arts: A Powerful Expression of Climate Change"**

A talk by Ben Brabson, Meg Becker's brother and a climate scientist at Indiana University. Following our worship service on Sunday, July 27 Ben Brabson will give a talk on how the fine arts create a narrative both of our rich history and of the world of beauty we are endangering through our changing climate. Ben's talk, in the Fellowship Hall starting at about 10:30am on the 27th, will draw examples from works of art in the collections of New England museums.

**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

**Please check out our website!** [www.firstcongregationalfalmouth.org](http://www.firstcongregationalfalmouth.org) or use your phone to scan the QR code!



## **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!  
Sing, my soul, praising the source of thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!  
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee underneath wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what God ordaineth?  
Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely great goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, show with great love doth befriend thee.  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation!  
All that hath life and breath, sing out thy heart's jubilation!  
Let the Amen sound from God's people again: joining in glad adoration.**

## **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.**

## **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.**