

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



**Sunday, August 17, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

Road Race Weekend Streaming Service

You Are Welcome Here!

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEDITATION: “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” *Hebrews 11:1*

PRELUDE *Abide with Me* Jolie Drury and Brennan Carlson

A MOMENT OF GREETING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 50)

The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around.

God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge God's people.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather here seeking the joy of companionship with other members of our family of faith. We come seeking joy. We come hoping to be injected with a dose of Christlike courage so that we can be righteous in all that we say and do. Help us to be attentive as we follow the Gospel teachings from the One who juggled the roles of being a proclaimer of joy, a healer of the diseased and broken-hearted, a wise teacher of truth and love, a compassionate friend to the outcast, a tomb breaking Savior for us all, and the one who taught us to pray, *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 READINGS:

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Luke 12:32-40

MESSAGE: At this Unexpected Hour

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep in love enfold 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.

Flowers on the altar-table have been given by you this morning in celebration of our life and ministry together!

Announcements

The Church Book Discussion takes place the fourth Monday of each month on Mondays from 1-3:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Anyone who attends our church is welcome to attend a meeting to discuss a specific book or to attend the meetings each month. There will be a meeting on Monday, August 25 when we will be discussing THE WIDOW CLIQUOT by Tilar J. Mazzeo. This is historical fiction regarding early French champagne production. Sign up with Mary Ellen Craig or Bette West.

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.



All are welcome to join the **Garden and Grounds Working Group!**

Open to all: Fri, Sept 5, 9:00am

**Bring your pruning shears, gloves
and weeding tools.**

Are you interested in gardening in the grounds of our church?

Interested in looking at the trees and other plants?

Interested in the landscaping?

This "Garden and Grounds Working Group" is not a committee with meetings, but a group which works on the grounds of the church and enjoys each other's company. There is no requirement to come each time the group gets together. The group is open to all church members and friends.

The "Garden and Grounds Working Group" is an informal group, sharing ideas with the Board of Trustees, with Ryan Mann as our Trustee representative. We gather approximately once a month to weed, prune, and plant in our church's grounds as well as discuss landscaping ideas for Main Street, West Side of the Sanctuary, and surrounding the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions about the Garden and Grounds Working Group, please email Carol J C Mills at carol.j.c.mills@gmail.com.



Charity Golf Event

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Woods Hole Golf Club

Nine-Hole Round & Dinner

Thurs. Oct 2, 2025 – 3pm



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FCCFevents@gmail.com

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