

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



**Sunday, August 9, 2026
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

PRELUDE

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*** OPENING HYMN NO. 533, *O God Beneath Thy Guiding Hand***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

From our busy lives, we have come into the presence of the Holy God.

We come, hungry for God's word and Holy Spirit.

Even though summer is the time for vacations and leisure, we remain busy people.

We come in search of peace. We come to nourish our spirits and worship our God.

Here, in this place, we God's Spirit will meet our needs.

All: Let us be in the presence of God together!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, draw near to us as we draw near to you.

Quiet our hearts, open our minds, and gather us into your presence.

May your Spirit guide our worship, our words, and our silence.

Teach us to seek your kingdom and trust your will.

Give us grace to forgive, courage to love, and faith to follow.

And now, as Jesus taught us, we pray together:

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: OT: Genesis 37: 1-4; 12-28 (p.42 OT) NT: Matthew 14: 22-34 (p.19-20 NT)

MESSAGE: *WHEN THE PIT IS NOT THE END*

**OFFERTORY
ORGAN SOLO**

*Doxology - No. 44
Offertory Prayer

**CALL TO PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

* **CLOSING HYMN NO. 103, *Jesus Loves Me***

**BENEDICTION
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 512, *Let There Be Peace on Earth***

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.

Greeters are Carla Zavorskis and Joanne Blum-Carnevale.

Ushers are Lee Turner, Jim Andress, and Sue Antilla.

Lay Reader is Greg Mills.

Deacons of the Month are Bob McGowen and Nancy Smith..

Flowers on the altar-table are given by David and Cynthia DiMestico to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

*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.

Guest minister Rev. Susan MacMillan Kains is the mother of two grown sons. She attended Union Theological Seminary at Columbia University in NYC where she earned her doctorate and Andover Newton Theological Seminary in MA. She taught at Columbia University, Fordham University, SUNY Stony Brook and Memorial University of Newfoundland in Canada before attending seminary. She was ordained sixteen years ago by the South Dakota Conference and the Council on American Indian Ministries of the UCC. In SD, Rev. Susan lived on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of the Oglala Lakota and served as the Director of Spiritual Care at the Rapid City Regional Hospital, supporting freedom of religion and human rights in the local community. She served Lakota speaking patients with Lakota prayers and used her knowledge of various native cultures to build bridges between medical staff of three hospitals and native patients.

Immediately following today's service, John Dulina will meet for about 45 minutes with anyone interested in reviewing pronunciation for the Rutter Magnificat.



Howard J. Whitmore Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight Seeks Acts of All Sorts

Can you sing, tell jokes or stories, play an instrument, or even do a bit of magic? Do you know a kid who can do those things and would like to show off their skills?



Join the next Howard J. Whitmore Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight! Please RSVP with your idea for a solo or group act to Info@firstcongfalmouth.org.



Charity Golf Event

Sponsored by: First Congregational Church of Falmouth

Woods Hole Golf Club

Nine-Hole Round & Dinner

Thurs. Oct 1, 2026 – 3pm



For a Registration Form:

info@FirstCongFalmouth.org

This Week's Calendar

Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Hyannis Sound
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Playtime!
Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Rehearsal: Magnificat

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON 8/16

*****Please note that services on 8/23 and 8/30 occur at 9:00 a.m.**

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