

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

Sunday, September 6, 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: "There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow human; true nobility is being superior to your former self." Ernest Hemingway

PRELUDE: *Selections from Goldberg Variations by J.S. Bach*

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING HYMN No. 531** *MY COUNTRY TIS OF THEE*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 81)

Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

God, our Host, welcomes us.

God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way."

When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.

God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting God's promise:

A feast for all, and abundance for generations to come.

All: Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess our love isn't always genuine, we see evil and often wring our hands instead of resisting it, we forget to consider more ways to serve you, we turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality, and we do not pray enough for our enemies. For all this, and for all that burdens in our hearts today, O God, we seek your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and hear our voices as we say your prayer, *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

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-6 (Page 62, OT)

MESSAGE: GOING FORWARD IN THE NAME OF GOD

OFFERTORY
MUSIC: *Opening Variations of Beethoven Sonata Opus 26*

*Doxology - No. 44
Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN No. 532 O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

BENEDICTION
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: No. 345, *God Be with You*

POSTLUDE: *Bethena by Scott Joplin*

*Those who are able, please stand

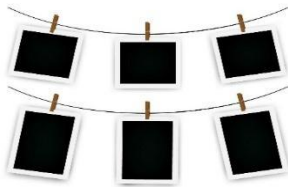
Visitors - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them.

Greeters are Betsy Honey and Anne Dyer.
Deacons Serving Communion are John Honey, Evelyn Johnson, Peggy Wickman, Sally Hawkworth, Sue Anttila, Wil Bindler DesBiens.
Lay Reader is Penny Foster.
Deacons of the Month are John Honey and Kathy Holmes.
Flowers on the altar-table are given by Terry and Olivia White in loving memory of Jim Tow

*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 Debbe Carlisle as our guest musician.

Announcements

Join us for Outreach Sunday September 20th Guest Speaker, Sue Pearson, from Cape Kid Meals  • Visit with representatives from organizations we support. • View a slideshow of Outreach events during this year. • Donate Food to our food collection for the Falmouth Service Center. • Learn more about the Children's Clothing Project.	Have You Updated Your Photo For the Church Photo Directory?  Send your new photo to info@firstcongfalmouth.org. Like the old photo? No change necessary	Please bring in your food donations for the Falmouth Service Center to church on Sunday, September 20th for our food drive.  Suggested donated items include: - Whole Grain Crackers - Canned Tuna - Pasta - Ketchup - Low Sodium Soups - Canned Dog or Cat Food In addition, the Falmouth Service Center is always happy to accept donations of Ensure and Boost. Thank you!																
Howard J. Whitmore Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight Seeks Acts of All Sorts  Join the next Howard J. Whitmore Cabaret of Whimsy and Delight on October 24th! Please RSVP with your idea for a solo or group act to Info@firstcongfalmouth.org.	***Please note that information to be included in the bulletin can be sent to Lisa Jo Rudy at info@firstcongfalmouth.org	<u>This Week's Calendar</u> <table><tr><td>Mon.</td><td>CHURCH CLOSED</td></tr><tr><td>Tues.</td><td>9:00 a.m Prayer Group</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>10:00 a.m Healing Group</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>10:30 a.m. Mahjong</td></tr><tr><td>Wed.</td><td>3:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>7:00 p.m. Council/Outreach</td></tr><tr><td>Fri.</td><td>6:00 p.m. Meditation Group</td></tr></table>	Mon.	CHURCH CLOSED	Tues.	9:00 a.m Prayer Group		10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle		10:00 a.m Healing Group		10:30 a.m. Mahjong	Wed.	3:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting		7:00 p.m. Council/Outreach	Fri.	6:00 p.m. Meditation Group
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