

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



**Sunday, April 5, 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. Nursery / Prekindergarten: The downstairs playroom is available but not staffed. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a caregiver. The livestreamed service is available in the NPK classroom.

**REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister**



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## MEDITATION:

**“We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining; they just shine.” Dwight L. Moody**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**     *Herliebster Jesus*     Brahms     Played by Fletcher Calderbank  
**EASTER BONNET PARADE!**

## A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*HYMN NO. 205,** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Passing of the Lord's Peace**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus walked the earth with God's message of peace, blessing all creation.

**Abundant life for all!**

Jesus preached God's love and justice for all.

**Hope and healing; forgiveness and welcome!**

Worldly powers tried to stop him. They led him to a tree and crucified him; laid him in a garden tomb. Three days in the darkness, and then he rose.

**Like the seed which dies to live, so Jesus arose to new life!**

And so let us celebrate the risen Christ, alive in our midst today.

**May we be the hands and feet, hearts and minds of our risen Christ, proclaiming the good news to all!**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**This is the day you have made, O Holy One, and we rejoice! Come! Let the world know you dwell with us. Stir our souls with love and hope, and let our feet dance for joy on your good earth. Open our eyes to the need of nurturing this planet, and all who share its life. Embolden our hearts to works of justice in your name. Be present to us. Empower us with your resurrection life. Hear our voices now as we raise them in prayer to you, 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

## THE EASTER NARRATIVE

**SCRIPTURE:** The Book of Acts 10:34-43 (NT. p.157)

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *See, What a Morning* Arr. McDonald

**SCRIPTURE:** John 20:1-18 (NT. p.140)

**CHORAL RESPONSE,** *The Angels Rolled the Stone Away* Arr. Dulina

**MESSAGE:** Come and See!

## OFFERTORY

**ANTHEM:** *Jesus is Alive* Arr. Shackley

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

## CALL TO PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* **HYMN NO. 214,** *Thine is the Glory*

## BENEDICTION

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE,** *The Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's Messiah  
(Copies can be found at the end of each pew; please raise your voice in song with our choir)

**POSTLUDE:** *Recessional* by George Friedric Handel

\*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 and Susan Day.

**Deacons** are Wil Bindler-Desbiens, Joanne Blum-Carnevale, Sally Hawksworth. Cathy Holmes, Evelyn Johnson, and Peggy Wickman.

**Jr. Deacon** is Kasyn Schouten.

**Deacons of the Month** are Sue Anttila and Bob McGowen.

**Flowers on the altar-table** are placed by Linda and Bob Robbins in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Robbins.

**We are delighted to welcome Fletcher Calderbank as our guest accompanist this morning!**

**\*Following the worship service, Danielle and the Board of Christian Education invite you to join the children outside for a special Easter picnic!**

## Announcements

**All First Congregational Church  
Members & Friends Are invited  
To an Encore Presentation of  
On Safari in  
Kenya and Tanzania**



**By Greg Mills**

**Wed, April 8th, 10am**

**Sponsored by the Women's Union**

**Fellowship Hall – First Congregational Church**

Greg Mills will share photos and stories from the trip he and Carol took to Kenya and Tanzania in September 2024. (Greg gave this presentation previously to the Men's Group.) Following the presentation, you are invited to a short WU business meeting and a light potluck lunch of salads & desserts. Sign-up for lunch outside the church office.

### **Rummage & Plant Sale**

**Sat May 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm**

First Congregational Church  
68 Main Street, Falmouth MA 02540



#### **Donate your:**

Books and puzzles  
Household, kitchen, and garden items  
Jewelry (drop off in church office M-F, 9am and 1pm)  
Plants – see below for special drop off times and instructions  
Gadgets & Gear – sporting goods, tools, portable electronics, luggage...

#### **Drop off, Portico Entrance, lower level (elevator available)**

Mon thru Fri, starting Mon, April 6 thru Wed, May 6 from 9am to 3pm

#### **Plant Table at the Rummage Sale**

We are looking for donations of annuals, perennials, small shrubs, seeded vegetable plants, and herbs. Donations can be dropped off directly to the plant tables outside of Fellowship Hall either on Wed, May 6 or Thurs, May 7 between 9am – 3pm. Please water your plants and label with plant name and color (if known).

#### **Volunteer to Help**

**Sign up to help in the red three-ring binder outside the church office or contact Jackie Nuccio, Chair (text 508-540-5488 or email kaolin4669@mypacks.net) or Carol Mills, Assistant to the Chair. Join in the Fun! Thank You!**

**THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE SERVICE CENTER** currently help to operate 17 DIFFERENT PROGRAMS to assist our neighbors in need. We can add to those efforts by dropping food into our church buckets or by delivering our food items directly to The Service Center: Raisin Bran/Corn Flakes

White Rice or Brown Rice

Canned Kidney Beans

Canned Peaches

Ensure/Boost

Menstrual Products: regular sized tampons and maxi pads

Wet Canned Dog/Cat Food

In addition, we are always happy to accept donations of baby diapers (sizes 2-6) and Boost/Ensure. Thank you!"

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime Playgroup
	3:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons
		Outreach Committee
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Children's Clothing Project

# Hymns

## **Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection thou! Alleluia!

## **Thine is the Glory**

Thine is the glory risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the rolled graveclothes where thy body lay.  
*Refrain:* Thine is the glory risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Christ now liveth; death hath lost its sting.  
*Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Refrain*

Easter Anthem

## ***See, What A Morning***

**Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arranged by Mary McDonald.**

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem.  
Folded with grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!  
See, Mary weeping "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow, she turns from the empty tomb.  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name, It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound 'til He appears, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!  
Awake my soul and sing, of Him who died for thee. And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!  
One with the Father, Ancient of Days! Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty;  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise, To the King crowned with power and authority!  
And we are raised with Him; Death is dead, Love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall live with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

***Jesus Is Alive! Alleluia!***

**Words and music by David Bailes, arranged by Larry Shackley.**

Christ is risen today! Sing His praise, alleluia! He has conquered the grave. Sing His praise, alleluia!

Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? Christ is risen, sing alleluia!

He is alive! He is alive! Jesus is risen today. He is alive!

He has torn the bars away; death's defeated, our debt is paid. Jesus is alive, alleluia!

Now we're risen with Him; Sing His praise, alleluia! Life can truly begin. Sing His praise, alleluia!

Now we need not fear; His presence is always near. Christ is risen, sing alleluia.

He is alive! He is alive! Jesus is risen today, He is alive!

He has torn the bars away; death's defeated, our debt is paid. Jesus is alive, alleluia!

Jesus lived to show the way; Jesus died our debt to pay, Jesus rose again, He lives, He reigns! He reigns!

He is alive! He is alive! Jesus is risen today, He is alive!

He has torn the bars away; death's defeated, our debt is paid.

Jesus is alive, alleluia! He is alive! Alleluia!