

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation: “Alas for those who never sing and die with all their music left in them.” Unknown

ORGAN PRELUDE

[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 250** *Here In This Place*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord’s Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 27)

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

God is our shelter and refuge on the days of trouble, and our hope and joy on the days of celebration!

Day after day, we seek God’s face and the assurance of God’s holy love; O God, do not turn from us or hide your face from us!

Be our guide and our light instead!

Beloved of God, enter this worship in thanksgiving, for God is among and within us. Thanks be to God!

One thing we ask of God: That we may live in God’s dwelling place all the days of our life, and never cease to behold the beauty of God’s home.

INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Gracious God, into the shadows of our isolation you speak words of life and community. Challenger of our lives, you call us from places we call home to lead us more deeply into the world you love. With your gentle, healing touch you redeem the broken places of our lives and you heal the wounded places of the earth. Inspire our worship here this day, so we may receive liberation in your word, and share your reconciling love throughout the earth. Hear our prayer in Christ’s name, *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 glory forever. Amen.*

LET THE CHILDREN COME

[After this, FCC KIDS may go to their classes.]

***HYMN NO. 442** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-23

NT 4

SERMON “The First One Out of the Boat”

OFFERTORY

Anthem *All People Sing Thy Praises*

Bach

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 26** *Praise to the Lord*

***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.

Please turn off your cell phones.

Please note! Print-outs of the day’s sermon are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

Greeters are Carol Andersen and Carol Mills.

Ushers are Betty Baker, Linda & John Bowers, and Katie & Bill Dreyer.

Lay reader is Cynthia DiMestico.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Carol Erhardt Haslun in memory of Bruce Haslun.

Deacons for the service are Jan Goodell & Evelyn Johnson. **Jr.**

Deacon is Gideon Drury.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Pledge Statements are now available on a table in Fellowship Hall. Also, there still are many 2023 pledge envelopes. If you requested envelopes and haven’t retrieved them yet, please do so. They are expensive to mail. If you did not request envelopes, there is a confirmation letter of your 2023 pledge next to the envelopes – when writing your check, please indicate the number listed in that letter. This helps those counting the offering on Sunday very, very much. Thank you.

Copies of the **2022 Annual Report** are now available on tables in Fellowship Hall and the narthex. Just like in Kindergarten, we ask you to share and take only one report per household. Thank you!

Our FCC Choir will perform John Rutter’s *Requiem* on Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday, during our regular morning service of worship.

Anyone interested in singing this beautiful composition with our choir and chamber ensemble can begin attending rehearsals on Thursday, February 2 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. The first part of every Thursday rehearsal will focus on the Requiem and a “required” dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday, March 30, from 7-9 pm. Please contact John Dulina, Music Director, with any questions.

Habitat for Humanity Bookcases and Piggy Bank

FCC Kids will be dedicating a couple Sundays to building bookcases (junior high age group) and piggy banks (younger age group) for two families, with two kids in each family, who are awaiting the final touches of their new homes constructed in Falmouth. FCC Kids will have a chance to donate their time and effort for a great cause and we welcome anyone who would like to participate. We will start these projects after the Children's message, and will continue with these projects on the 29th of January. Please be mindful that we will be painting if you would like to stop in and see the progress or help out.

After the Children's message, both groups will meet in the lower lobby. The Junior High Group will head to the Teen Room while the younger group will meet in the Art classroom.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun, Jan. 22	11:30 a.m.	Good Shepherd Project
Mon., Jan. 23	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues., Jan. 24	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:00 a.m.	Investment Committee
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed., Jan. 25	10:00 a.m.	Outside Playtime
Thurs., Jan. 26	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sat., Jan. 28	10:00 a.m.	Children's Clothing Project

NEXT SUNDAY

The 314th Annual Meeting of the church will take place next Sunday, January 29, immediately after the morning service of worship. This is a very important meeting and we encourage everyone to attend, even if you are not a member and cannot vote. The proposed spending plan for 2023 will be presented and voted upon and Officers and members of Boards and committees will be elected.

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

Sunday, January 22, 2023
10:00 a.m.



We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. Nursery care is available throughout the service - please speak to an usher. Children and youth in FCC KIDS will leave the service after the children's message. 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.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister