

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation: "Sunday morning sneaks up on us like dawn, like resurrection, like the sun that rises a ribbon at a time. We expect a trumpet and a triumphant entry, but as always, God surprises us by showing up in ordinary things: in bread, in wine, in water, in words, in sickness, in healing, in death, in a manger of hay, in a mother's womb, in an empty tomb." Rachel Held Evans

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. 400** *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

John Dulina

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 29)

Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings, ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe to God the glory of God's name; worship God in holy splendor.

The voice of God is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

The voice of God breaks the cedars; the voice of God is full of majesty.

May God give strength to the people!

May God bless his people with peace.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Generous God, thank you for all you give us: a world of beauty and grace, a community of love and caring, and an opportunity for new life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray for all who are in need and for those who are hurting. Show us how to offer ourselves as your people, ready to share your love with others and to share of our bounty. Help your church to meet the needs of those who turn to you. This we pray in the name of Jesus, saying, *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.*

***HYMN NO. A-13** *Here I Am, Lord*

LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

SCRIPTURE READING

 Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

 "Faith Will Make Us Well"

OFFERTORY

Anthem *So the Love of God* Schutte
*Doxology - No. 44
Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 27** *Now Thank We All Our God*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, Give
thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the
weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich: be-cause of what the Lord has
done for us. Give thanks.

*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 Jean Duran, Carol Mills, and Peg Wilson.

Ushers are Jim Endress, Cathy Holmes, and Betsy & John Honey.

Lay reader is Olivia White.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Carolyn Belmore in memory of her parents, Virginia Crockett Duncan and Stephen Montgomery Duncan.

Flowers in the narthex are given by Linda Dalton in loving memory of Richard Dalton.

Deacons of the Month are Bob Cole & Ed Jackson.

Jr. Deacon is Evan Bostwick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, after our morning service of worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for our **Annual Fall Budget Meeting**. The proposed spending plan for 2022 will be presented. All are welcome to attend this important meeting of the church.

Take Note! Because of the Cape Cod Marathon on Sunday, October 31, our worship service for next weekend will be held on **Saturday, October 30, 3:00 p.m.** The marathon begins and ends in front of the church and the medical tent will again be located on our grounds. Changing the date seemed to be the best way for everyone to be able to use the space without causing too much angst. Since the service will begin at 3, everyone should be able to be home before dark!

The **Open and Affirming Committee** has changed the dates for their open discussions. The first of two discussions will be Sunday, November 14 at 11:30 and the second on Sunday, November 28, also at 11:30 These discussions will be used to determine if First Congregational Church adopts an ONA Covenant.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Oct. 24	11:15 a.m.	Annual Fall Budget Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Chuck Mitchell Memorial Service
Mon., Oct. 25	1:00 p.m.	Craft Workshop
	1:00 p.m.	Book Discussion Group
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues., Oct. 26	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed., Oct. 27	10:00 a.m.	Outside Playtime
Thurs., Oct. 28	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Sat., Oct. 30	3:00 p.m.	Service of worship

NEXT SATURDAY

A quick reminder that our weekly service of worship will take place on Saturday, October 30, at 3:00 p.m. This is to avoid a conflict with the Cape Cod Marathon on the following day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, November 6	Solar Celebration – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 7	Loyalty Sunday and Stewardship Luncheon
Sunday, November 14	O&A Open Discussion #1
Sunday, November 21	Chilifest after church

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Solar Energy Celebration

Saturday, Nov 6, 2-3 pm



Join us in dedicating our newly installed 126 panel, 47.9 Kw Photovoltaic System atop Fellowship Hall, with guest speakers: **Heather Goldstone** (Woodwell Climate Research Center) and **Rev. Emma Brewer-Wallin** (Southern New England UCC Conference).

Free and open to the public—masks required

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

Sunday, October 24, 2021
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.

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