

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



**Sunday, February 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

Thank You, Martha! Sunday

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation: A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate. *Proverbs 15:17*

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. 477, *God of Grace and God of Glory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 8)

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth:

When we look at the heavens, the works of your hands... the moon and the stars; we are filled with awe.

And we wonder, what are we, that you are mindful of us, O God?

For you have made us in your own image, crowning us with glory and honor.

You have made us stewards of all the works of your hands!

O God, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts desire is to bask in your amazing glory. Draw us nearer that we might receive your Holy Spirit. Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine grace. Help us to walk among our brothers and sisters as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Hear our 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 glory forever. Amen.*

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

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

HYMN NO. 401, *Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE READING: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

SERMON: A Silly Old Love Song

OFFERTORY:

Anthem: *Majesty*, Schofford

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN NO. 210, *Crown Him with Many Crowns

***BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 368, *Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***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 Anne Dyer and Jan Goodell.

Ushers are Sally Hawksworth, Doug Oesterheld, Grace Day, Evelyn Johnson, and Tom Stone.

Lay reader is Gideon Drury.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by the Women's Union in memory of departed members.

Deacons for the service are Marine and Wil Bindler-Desbiens.

Jr. Deacon is Gideon Drury.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **First Congregational Church Office** will be open on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** between the hours of **9:00 AM and 1:00 PM**. The church itself will be open five days a week to support all of the groups and activities, but the office will only be staffed on three of those days.

Introducing the First Congregational Church Book Nook! Located in the hallway accessed through the NA/ side entrance (to the right of the Portico), the book nook has free books for all ages. Come take a look and grab a book!

Please join in helping to make our **RISE Against Hunger meal packing event on March 9, 2024, from 1 -3p.m.** successful! Please sign up by using the link in this week's Care and Connection to register. <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstCongregationalChurchofFalmouth2024>

There will be an **Ash Wednesday worship service** in our church sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14, beginning at 11:00 AM. Leadership for this service will be shared with Nell Fields from Waquoit Congregational Church and Christina Williams from North Falmouth Congregational Church.

Rotation for FCC Kids: *On the Road to Emmaus*

The Resurrection is the main cornerstone of Christian faith. Jesus had promised his followers that there was something beyond this life and the Resurrection proved it. Jesus died and then rose from the dead. But the disappearance of his body did not persuade people of his Resurrection. Jesus appeared to many people before he ascended to heaven; those personal encounters with the risen Lord led to our faith.

Feb 11th: GAMES- we will engage in several short games and illusion exercises to illustrate how we can use more than our eyes to see the truth.

Feb 18th and 25th: No FCC Kids (Falmouth School break)

March 3rd: COOKING- kids will bake "Resurrection Rolls" to teach about the tomb being empty
Snack and drinks will be provided!

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Mon.	1:00 p.m.	Book Group
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
	6:30p.m	Soto Zen
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime
	3:00 p.m.	Trustees
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ash Wednesday	February 14	Worship: 11:00 AM
Coffee and Conversation	February 18	Following church

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