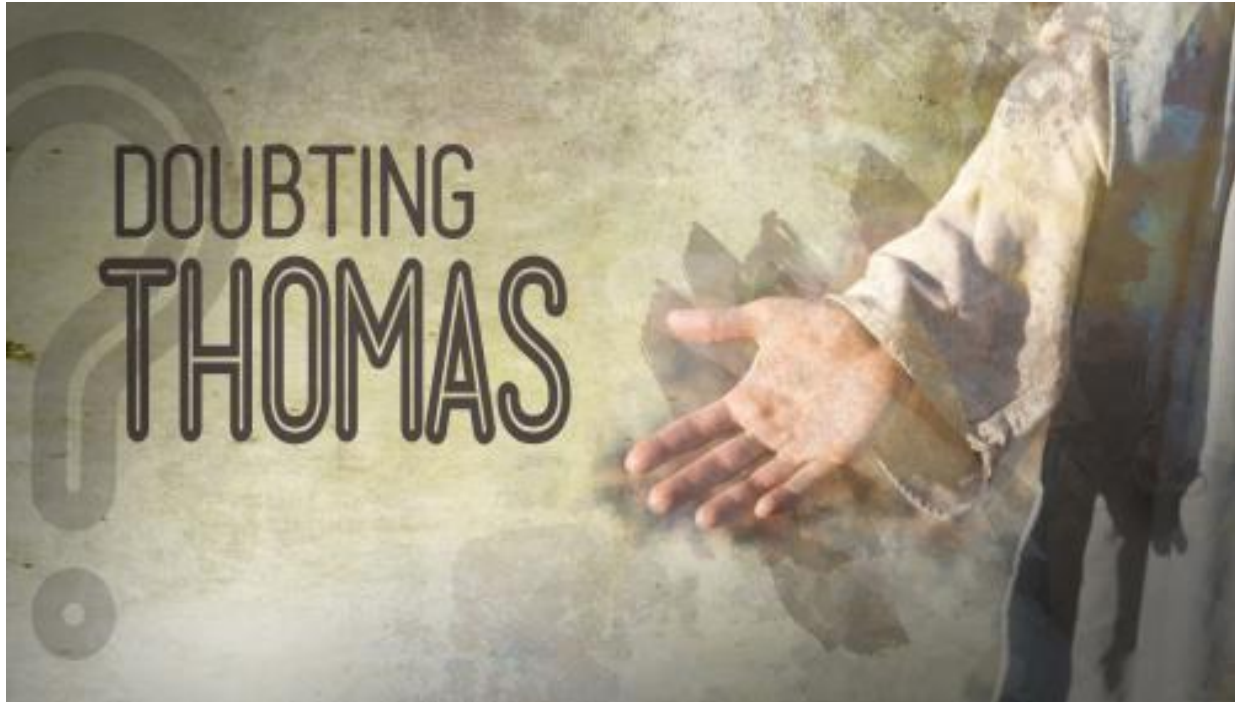


**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of Falmouth, Massachusetts
of the United Church of Christ**



**Sunday, April 7, 2024
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.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation:

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." C.S. Lewis

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. A-23, *Shall We Gather at the River

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a new day. The day of the risen Christ!

Christ lives in our hearts and in our world.

Christ lives. Let us love our neighbors!

Christ lives. Let us share God's abundance.

Christ lives. Let us rejoice!

Christ lives. Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Source of all goodness, we know we have been blessed with abundant opportunities. Everything necessary for life in all its fullness has been made available to us. We admit we do not always recognize your presence around us, and we do not always live into the opportunities you have provided. Help us to try harder and do better. Pour out on us now, we pray, an extra measure of your spirit to expand our vision, enlarge our dreams, and help us to speak and live your truth. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught his disciples to pray, 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.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation and Prayer
Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 20: 19-31

SERMON: Feeling is Believing

OFFERTORY:

Anthem- *Alleluia #1*, arr. Dulina

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. A-14**, *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 345**, *God Be With You*

***CHORAL POSTLUDE** *The Angels Rolled the Stone Away*

*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 Eleanor Engstrom and Bonnie Milroy.

Deacons are Grace Day, Martine Bindler-Desbiens, Ed Jackson, Sally Hawksworth, Debbie O'Neil

Jr. Deacon is Declan Norris.

Lay reader is Cynthia DiMestico.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Joanne Blum-Carnevale in loving memory of husband David Blum and son Steve Blum.

*Anyone wishing 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you need a nametag? Let the office know and we will order you one. If you just need a magnet, we have some available in the church office.

Join Us for Spring Sing! On Saturday, April 27, 10 fantastic a cappella groups from throughout the country will gather for their annual concert called Spring Sing. The event will take place from 9 am - 3 pm at the First Congregational Church in Falmouth (68 Main St., Falmouth). Admission is free but donations at the door are welcome. Seating is based on church capacity. For more information check out their website at www.springsing.org.

Theater Outing! Join us to see Falmouth Theater Guild's musical, "Willie Wonka" on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Highfield Theater. This is a musical with a large and colorful cast. Tickets are \$28.00 per person and guests are welcome. Checks payable to Falmouth Theater Guild should be given to Bette West by April 14 at church or mailed to 42 East Harbor Drive E Falmouth, 02536.

Book Group! The church Book Discussion will meet on Monday, April 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m in the church parlor to discuss "The Pirates Wife" by Daphne Geanacopoulos. All members of the church are invited to attend. Sign up on the clip board outside the church office.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Bible Studey
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime
	3:00p.m.	Trustees
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

DATES TO REMEMBER

RUMMAGE SALE! Starting Wednesday, April 24th, 25th, and 26th items can be dropped off between 9:00a.m.- 3:00p.m. across from the music room (there is a sign on the door). No drop offs on April 27th, but we will be collecting on the 28th and 29th until 12:00 PM.

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Please check out our website!

www.firstcongregationalfalmouth.org or use your phone to scan the QR code!

