

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



**Sunday, January 28, 2024
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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation: When the snows fall and the white winds blow, the lone wolf dies but the pack survives." George R.R. Martin, *Game of Thrones*

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 Based on Psalm 26

Our souls are created to be God's dwelling place, and the dwelling place of the soul is God.
As we worship, we experience the God who dwells in us. Through our worship, we dwell in God.

As we make the Holy One our dwelling place, no evil shall overtake us.

We will live and love in the shelter of the Most High and say, "God is my refuge and fortress in whom I trust."

Through our worship, we love the God who dwells in us, and in whom we dwell.

God is our refuge and our home.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O Holy One, we come to you in gladness and expectation. You offer steadfast love as our strong refuge; your boundless grace is our sheltering presence, and we rejoice! In the unity of worship, we trust that you will speak to us and through us as we share this time with each other and with Christ. Prepare our hearts to seek you and embrace you, to hear you and follow you, to love you and to serve you. With gladness and expectation we pray our Lord's Prayer, 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.*

LET THE CHILDREN COME

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

*HYMN NO. A-12, In the Garden

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:29-39

SERMON: What Jesus Came to Do!

OFFERTORY:

Anthem – Lover of Us All - Schutte

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 102, Guide Me O Great Jehovah**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 368, Blest be the Tie**

***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 Grace Day and Evelyn Johnson.

Ushers are Judy Heller, Bob Heller, Doug Oesterheld, Deb O'Neil, and Carol Lyonnais.

Lay reader is Carolyn Dreyer.

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

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

Jr. Deacon is Addie Birmingham.

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!

Sign up to enjoy the play, **Clue** presented by the **Falmouth Theater Guild** on Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Highfield Theater. Tickets are only \$28.00 per person and guests are welcome. The play is based on the movie and the popular game and is a hilarious mystery. It begins at a remote mansion where six mysterious guests assemble at a dinner party where murder is on the menu!!! Sign up with a check payable to Falmouth Theater Guild and is due by February 5, 2024. Give to Bette West at church or mail to her at 42 East Harbor Drive, Falmouth MA 02536.(508-457-9860)

Please join us 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>

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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
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	All day	Rehoming Sale for Homespun Garden
	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation
Sat.	All day	Rehoming Sale for Homespun Garden

DATES TO REMEMBER

Today after worship! 315th Annual Meeting

Next Sunday is a Communion Sunday, and we will be welcoming Falmouth's Scouts to join us for worship!

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