

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of Falmouth, Massachusetts
of the United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.

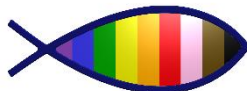


You Are Welcome Here!

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.

The Infant/ Toddler/ Preschool Playroom is open and staffed - come down any time before or during the service.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation: "Human unity is really less something we are called on to create than simply to recognize and make manifest." William Sloane Coffin

ORGAN PRELUDE *Corrente* by Girolamo Frescobaldi

[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. 404,** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all you people, enter the gate of God's sheepfold.

We hear God calling us by name.

Jesus will bring all people to be one flock, one shepherd.

From every nation, every people, tribe, and language.

That they may be one.

We proclaim: We are one!

PRAYER OF 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 that we may receive liberation in your word, and be filled to overflowing to share your reconciling love throughout the earth. And hear our prayer offered 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.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children may leave now for FCC Kids. Visitors and new families are always welcome).

***HYMN NO. 106,** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 10:11-18

SERMON: The Promise of a Good Shepherd

OFFERTORY:

Organ Solo, *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, by J.S. Bach

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 368** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

ORGAN POSTLUDE, *Toccata* by Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 Carla Zavorskas and Cynthia DiMestico.

Ushers are Doug Oesterheld, Carol Lyonnais, Martine Bindler-Desbiens, Evelyn Johnson, Grace Day, and Ed Jackson.

Deacons are Joanne Blum-Carnevale and Wil Bindler-Desbiens.

Lay reader is Greg Mills.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Marge Taylor in memory of loved ones.

*Anyone wishing to commemorate a person or special event by purchasing flowers for the altar should please contact Joanne Blum-Carnevale at capecodjoanel@gmail.com or by calling 508-548-0480.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 with 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.

Rummage Sale Plant Table! We are looking for donations of annuals, perennials, small shrubs, seeded vegetable plants, and herbs. Donations can be dropped off directly to the plant tables outside of Fellowship Hall either on Wednesday, May 1 or Thursday, May 2, between 9:00 and 3:00. Please make sure your plants are well watered and labeled with plant name and color (if known).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon.	1:00 p.m.	Book Group
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
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.

Please check out our website!

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

