

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



**Sunday, February 25, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

You Are Welcome Here!

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: "Understanding is the reward of faith. Therefore, seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand." *Augustine, 5th century*

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. 183, *What Wondrous Love Is This

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 27*)

God is my light, my hope, my all in all: whom shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of God: let me live in the shelter of you, in the beauty of your realm, in the wonder of your house.

Teach us your way, God, show us your path through all that life brings.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, for whom even the morning stars shine, let us come into Your presence with singing and praise, for You are our very present help, our refuge and our strength. Speak to us through song and stories, and remind us that you are always there for us, even when we do not call Your name. This we pray in the name of Jesus, 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.*

REFLECTION

*HYMN NO. 28, *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

SERMON: *Nervously Laughing Before the Lord*

OFFERTORY:

Anthem: *Gaelic Blessing*, Rutter

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. A-7, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 198, *Jesus Remember Me (sung twice)*

*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 Nancy Hussey and Grace Day.

Ushers are Doug Oesterheld, Susan Day, Bob McGowan, Linda Dalton, Gideon Drury, and Tom Stone

Lay reader is Olivia Masih White.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Grace Day in memory of her sweetheart Bill Day.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not already picked up your 2023 financial statements they are available in alphabetical order in the office lobby area.

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.

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. Or click [here](#).

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 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 Discussion
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

Palm Sunday: March 24, 2024

Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024

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