

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of Falmouth, Massachusetts
of the United Church of Christ
Sunday, March 17, 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:

"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope." *Thomas Merton*

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. 407, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

How can your people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

I will not forget your word.

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk by the way of the Lord.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of the journey, you invite us to accept the cost and joy of discipleship and to be your servants in the service of others. In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model. May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. Hear our prayers, "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. A-9, *How Great Thou Art***

SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

SERMON: What Is Written On Your Heart?

OFFERTORY:

Anthem: *Ave Verum*, Mozart

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN NO. 193, *Go to Dark Gethsemane

***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 upon request.

Greeters are Eleanor Engstrom and Cyntia DiMestico.

Ushers are Jan Goodell, Doug Osterheld, Will Bindler-Desbiens, Debra O'Neil

Lay reader is Marine Bindler-Desbiens.

Jr. Deacon is Addie Birmingham.

Deacons for the service are Ed Jackson and Don Lans.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Martha Asendorf in celebration of her sons and their wives, Eben and Victoria and Ove and Kathleen.

*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

The First Congregational Church Office will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

Next week's Palm Sunday service will feature a major choral work composed by John Stainer called *The Crucifixion*. This powerful performance demonstrates the hard work and talents of both our church choir and our music director, John Dulina. It will be a most excellent opportunity to welcome your friends and neighbors to meet you for church!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
	9:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	10:30 a.m.	Mahjong
Wed.	9:30 a.m.	Playtime
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday: The Crucifixion by John Stainer

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday

Please check out our website!

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

