

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



**Easter Sunday, March 31, 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:

"For me the meaning of the Resurrection is the possibility of possibility. The great perhaps. Perhaps: the open-endedness that gives the lie to death. That opens up the story." *Mary Gordon*

ORGAN PRELUDE: FANTASY BASED ON THE EASTER HYMN TUNE *ST. KEVIN (#204)* BY GILBERT MARTIN

[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

EASTER BONNET PARADE!

A MOMENT OF GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING HYMN NO. 204, *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 119*)

Sisters and brothers, you have heard the good news.

Brothers and sisters, hold firmly to this faith.

Sisters and brothers, it has already been proclaimed.

Brothers and sisters, we have already received God's promise.

Sisters and brothers, this is the edge of our faith.

Brothers and sisters, good news is happening all around us.

Sisters and brothers, this is the mystery that we share.

Brothers and sisters, Christ appears to us today. Hallelujah!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of Easter hope, grant us the courage to believe. Give us new eyes to truly see you walking with us, standing beside us, living in our neighborhoods, and speaking through our friends and our enemies. Forgive us when we prefer simple answers to prophetic challenges. Forgive us when we cling to old, familiar ways and refuse to see the extraordinary miracles you set before us. Open our eyes that we might see you standing before us in your resurrected glory, proclaiming the miracle of a life and a love that never ends. 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).

SCRIPTURE READING: Book of Acts 10:34-43

CHORAL RESPONSE: Alleluia, arr, Dulina

SCRIPTURE READING: Gospel of John 20:1-18

CHORAL RESPONSE: The Angels Rolled the Stone Away

SERMON: Come and See!

OFFERTORY:

Organ Instrumental

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 205**, *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *Hallelujah!* by G.F. Handel

***POSTLUDE:** *Recessional*, by G.F. Handel

*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 Jolie, Gideon, Elijah Drury and Susan Day.

Ushers are Sally Hawksworth, Doug Osterheld, Nicholas Dreyer, Gideon and Elijah Drury.

Lay reader is Greg Mills.

Deacons for the service are Ed Jackson and Don Lans.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Carol Lyonnaise in memory of all of our loved ones.

*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.

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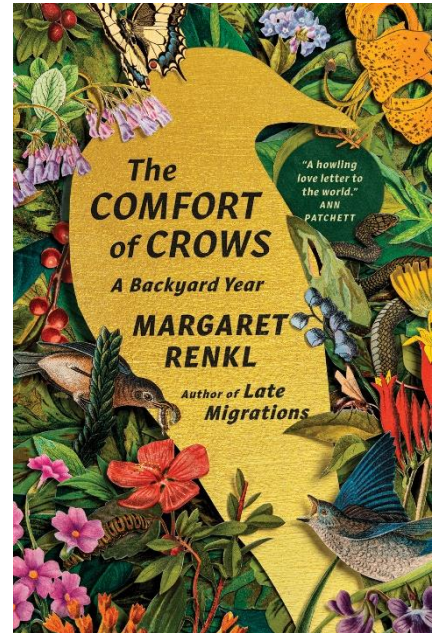
Today is **Easter Sunday!**. We welcome anyone visiting us today and hope to see you again! After worship, please take one of the Easter lilies as a reminder of the miraculous life all around us.

We welcome **Marsha Zarifiou** as our guest organist this morning!



Author **Margaret Renkl**, bestselling author & New York Times op-ed writer, will discuss her new book, ***The Comfort of Crows***, in conversation with **Mark Long, Ph.D**, Academic Dean of Sea Education Association, on **Sunday, April 7 at 7pm** in the First Congregational Church of Falmouth's Sanctuary. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Free and Open to the Public



Copies of the book will be available for purchase, with a portion of the evening's proceeds to benefit the church. A book signing will take place in Fellowship Hall after the talk.

In *The Comfort of Crows, A Backyard Year*, we follow creatures and plants in the author's backyard, including a crow on New Year's Day. Join us for a fun evening with the author.

This event is co-sponsored by Eight Cousins bookstore. Buy local!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
	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.	Stewardship
	7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning
Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	6:00 p.m.	Guided Meditation

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