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



Sunday, March 3, 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.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation:

"I became convinced that noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good." *Martin Luther King Jr*.

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. 316, Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ANNOUNCEMENTS Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 95)

O come, let us sing to our God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

Our God is great, Sovereign above all powers and principalities. The sea, the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains, indeed all of creation were made by God and belong to God.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Holy One, our Maker! Yes! God is our God, and we are God's people: O that today we would listen for the Lord's voice!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 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.*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion Invitation and Prayer Sharing of the Bread and the Cup Prayer of Thanksgiving [After Communion, FCC KIDS may go to their classes.]

SCRIPTURE READING: Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17

SERMON: God Spoke

OFFERTORY:

Anthem- *Behold the Lamb*- Willett *Doxology - No. 44 Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. A-14, It Is Well with My Soul *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 Bobbie Minor and Jan Goodell Day.

Deacons are Joanne Blum-Carnevale, Sally Hawksworth, Ernie Kirsch, Deb O'Neil, Evelyn Johnson

Jr. Deacon is Gideon Drury.

Lay reader is Robert Heller.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Rusty and Susan Warren with the hope of peace for the world.

*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.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

| Tues. | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Group Friendly Circle |
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| | 10:30 a.m. | Mahjong |
| Wed. | 9:30 a.m. | Playtime |
| | 3:00p.m. | Trustees |
| Thurs. | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Song Circle |
| Fri. | 6:00 p.m. | Guided Meditation |
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Next Saturday/ Sunday Daylight Savings starts. Time to spring ahead!

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Please check out our website! <u>http://www.firstcongregationalfalmouth.org</u> or use your phone to scan the QR code!

