

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
of Falmouth, Massachusetts
of the United Church of Christ
Sunday, April 14, 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 but unstaffed, please feel free to use the space but plan to stay with your child.

REV. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Meditation: “No matter what they wish for, no matter how far they go, people can never be anything but themselves. That's enough.” - Haruki Murakami

ORGAN PRELUDE *Chorale Preludes* by Johannes Brahms

[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. 265, *All Praise to Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the disciples who met the risen Christ, we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.

We come with our questions and doubts, and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

"Hear the stories of God's love in the Scriptures, and know that God is still present in this creation!"

We recognize the power of the risen Christ in our lives; offering us peace, offering us hope, and offering us courage.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God, We call you to be gracious to us and hear the longing found within our prayers. In our most vulnerable moments we pray you answer us when we call to you. But often we do not listen for you or seek your grace filled presence in our trouble. Remind us that your light shines in all moments of life. Let us feel the gladness you have placed in each of our hearts and let us live out of that glad confidence. In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace. With deep gratitude we offer you our prayer, *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: The Fish Option

***HYMN NO. 11,** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 24:36-48

SERMON: For My Future Me

OFFERTORY:

Organ Solo, *Come, Ye Sinners*, Raymond Haan

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 107,** *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

***CHORAL POSTLUDE, No. 368** *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

ORGAN POSTLUDE, *Canzonetta* 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 Anne Dyer and Bonnie Millroy

Ushers are Betsy Honey, Martine Bindler-Desbiens, Rusty Warren, Doug Oesterheld, Greg and Carol Mills.

Deacons are Joanne Blum-Carnevale and Wil Bindler-Desbiens

Lay reader is Cynthia DiMestico.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Wil and Martine-Desbiens in memory of their sisters Veronique and Georgette.

*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

Do you need a nametag? Let the office know and we will order you one. If you just need a magnet, we have some available in the church office.

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.

Book Group! The church Book Discussion will meet on Monday, April 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the church parlor to discuss "The Pirates Wife" by Daphne Geanacopoulos. All members of the church are invited to attend. Sign up on the clip board outside the church office.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon.	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
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Committee
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Fri.	2:00 p.m.	Service of Memorial for Rudolph Baumann
	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!

