

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



**Sunday, February 18, 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:** “After the rains all of the colors came out,” U2, *It’s a Beautiful Day*

### 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. 253, *God of Grace and God of Glory***

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Passing of the Lord’s Peace**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.

**God’s holy word revives us.**

Simple and confused, we yield.

**God’s word gives us wisdom.**

Blind and uncomprehending, we await.

**God’s word enlightens us.**

### INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the rainbow days of Noah, we see and know your signs and hear your voice again directing us to places of preparation and transformation in our lives and in our world. Thank you, loving God, for your covenant signs in this season of Lent. Hear us now as we say your 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.***

### \*TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

[After this, FCC KIDS may go to their classes.]

**\*HYMN NO. A-9, *How Great Thou Art***

**SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 9:8-17**

**SERMON: A Rainbow Connection**

**OFFERTORY:**

Anthem: *My Soul Thirsts*, Schutte

\*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

## CALL TO PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 488, *Nearer My God to Thee*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 368, *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 Betsy Perpall and Bob McGowan.

**Ushers** are Doug Oesterheld, Cornelia Grant, Reed Hamilton, Lysbeth Abrams, Lane Abrams, and Elyse DeGroot.

**Lay reader** is John Densler.

**Flowers** on the altar-table are given by Susan Hutchinson in memory of her parents, Barbara and Irving Dobson, and sister, Betsey Dobson.

**Deacons for the service** are Marine and Wil Bindler-Desbiens.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Church Office will be Closed Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day.**

**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.

**Introducing the First Congregational Church Book Nook!** Located in the hallway accessed through the NA/ side entrance (to the right of the Portico), the book nook has free books for all ages. Come take a look and grab a book!

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.

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstCongregationalChurchofFalmouth2024>

**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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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
	5:30 p.m.	Upper Cape Chaplaincy
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**

Palm Sunday: March 24, 2024

Easter Sunday: March 31, 2024

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