

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



**Sunday, March 10, 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: "Why must people kneel down to pray? If I really wanted to pray, I'll tell you what I'd do. I'd go out into a great big field all alone or in the deep, deep woods and I'd look up into the sky up- up- up- into that lovely blue sky that looks as if there was no end to its blueness. And then I'd just feel a prayer." L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*.

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. A-15, *Lift High the Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passing of the Lord's Peace

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 107)*

O give thanks to God, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.
**Let the redeemed of God say so, for when they cried to God in their trouble,
God saved them from their distress;**
God sent out God's word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.
Let us thank God for God's steadfast love.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

We seek and find you in creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your blessed son is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in your challenge for us to act for your justice and peace. In the name of the Risen One we offer you our prayers, 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.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(The Children may head out for FCC KIDS)

* **HYMN NO. 401**, *Amazing Grace*

SCRIPTURE READING: John 3:14-17

SERMON: To Save the World

OFFERTORY:

Anthem: *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, J.S. Bach

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN NO. 87**, *The King of Love*

***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 Anne Dyer and Eleanor Engstrom.

Ushers are Doug Oesterheld, Debbie O'Neil, John Densler, and Declan Norris

Lay reader is Cynthia DiMestico.

Deacons for the service are Ed Jackson and Don Lans.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Ann Rennie and Paula Judge in loving memory of their parents Harry and Audrey Kamataris.

*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

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 Women’s Union invites all women of the church to attend its meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m. After a short business meeting, Jessica O’Connor, Director of Adult Services at the Falmouth Public Library will present a program including books she recommends. She will also discuss programs and services of interest to adults at the library. A “Tea Party” lunch will then be served. Please sign up on the Women’s Union clipboard so we can plan the lunch.

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
	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Union
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons
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!

