

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Precious Lord* Allen/Dorsey

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

MOMENT OF GREETING AND CONCERNS

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***HYMN No. 1** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thanks be to God, who brings the light of hope into the midst of our world's darkness.

People: Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who reveals God's immeasurable love for the people all around our globe.

Leader: Thanks be to the Holy Spirit, who seeks to empower each one of us to care and be a helping hand for others.

Unison: Let us lift up our hearts to worship and praise God.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to redeem our world and to guide us in the ways of your love. In this new year of our Lord 2010, we pray that you will bring healing and peace to all who suffer. Create some measure of goodness out of even the world's worst evils. Overcome spiritual darkness with your divine light. Transform selfishness through the example of Christ's compassion for others. And bless us all with a renewed sense of your special purpose for our lives. Praying together as Jesus taught us, we say, "Our Father..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 121 OT 702

***GLORIA PATRI No. 513**

ANTHEM *Forth in Thy Name* Young

[After the anthem, Church School children may go to their classes.]

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:28, 31-32, 35-39 NT 192

CALL TO PRAYER No. 531

[Congregation is asked to sing with the choir where indicated "People."]

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray: O Lord show Thy mercy upon us.

People: And grant us Thy Salvation

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

People: And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER CHORAL RESPONSE

***NEW CENTURY HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God*

OFFERTORY

Anthem *Alleluia, Amen* Norris

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

SERMON "Our Christian Faith and Haiti"

***HYMN No. 93** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. If you are a guest, we invite you to fill out a guest card, available from an usher. Include it in the morning offering and detach and wear the accompanying guest tag so our parishioners can greet you. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to wear them.

Childcare is available. Please speak with an usher.

Please turn off your cell phones.

Please note! Hearing-aid devices and print-outs of the day's sermon are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

Please join us for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after our service.

Greeters are Ellie Noyes and Shirley & Dick Stewart.

Ushers are Elyse DeGroot & Bob McGowen, Kathie & Day Mount, and Lois & David Parker.

Lay reader is Linda Dalton.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Lee Anne Campbell in loving memory of her mother, Martha T. Campbell.

Jr. Deacon is Gwen Koontz.

Deacons of the Month are Fay Hamre and Bob Gaynor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January's **Computer Seminar** will take us in an innovative direction. Join us for "Drive Sharp" - introducing some new software to "exercise your brain," and maintain and improve your driving skills in an enjoyable manner. We'll practice during the seminar and then make it available for you in our computer lab for follow-up use. This session is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, from 10AM to Noon and will be held in Classroom 1 downstairs. Sign up at the Opportunity Table.

There are still quite a few **2010 Pledge Envelopes** on a table in Fellowship Hall. **Please – be sure you DON'T use 2009**

envelopes in 2010. Some numbers have changed and we want to be sure your payment is credited correctly. For those pledgers who requested that they NOT receive envelopes, a pledge confirmation letter can be found with the pledge envelopes. Everyone, please check your pledge carefully and report errors to the church office - thank you!

2009 Pledge Statements are now available on a table in Fellowship Hall.

Our **Youth Music & Ministry** program is in need of a volunteer piano accompanist. We meet once or twice a month and participate in two or four services during the year. We practice and share contemporary/rock Christian music.

The **Children's Clothing Project** is in need of clean, gently-worn clothes for sizes 3 through 12. We have had many shoppers this year and supplies are very low. We have plenty of infant and ample size 14-16. Please leave donations in the vestibule of Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

The **Outdoor Adventure Club** will host a ski weekend in Vermont on January 22-24, 2010. Stay at Vorlage Ski Club's Farmhouse in West Woodstock, VT and ski Killington, Pico, Okemo, Sugarbush, Made River Glen, or other local areas. Cross-country ski Woodstock or Alpine Meadows. Go snowmobiling (rentals available) with a guide. Cost for lodging is \$20 per night and dinner is \$10 per night. Lift tickets are as low as \$35 over the Internet at Pico. Discount ski rentals are available. You need to provide your own transportation, sleeping bag, pillow case, beverages, breakfasts & snacks. There is a full kitchen at the farmhouse. Youth must be accompanied by a parent. To sign up, send an email to w.osborn@comcast.net.

Haitian Earthquake Relief

The United Church of Christ has launched an emergency appeal for Haiti after it was struck by a major earthquake. Many thousands of people are feared dead and countless have been left homeless. Your gifts are needed to support immediate and long-term relief.

Funds from the UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) are being rushed to our Haitian partners to support their initial emergency response. Our own Board of Christian Outreach has already sent a substantial contribution to the UCC's OGHS program. The church will also accept your personal check, **made payable to the church and earmarked OGHS-Haitian Relief**, then forward the monies to the UCC. You may place a check in today's offering plate, or send it to the church. Online donations can be made at: <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquakestrikes.html> and follow the link on that page to make a secure donation.

Church School Corner

The current rotation is *The Garden of Eden*. Workshops are:

Grades 1 & 2: Video - Room 3

Grades 3 & 4: Computers - Room 1

Grades 5 & 6: Art - Room 2

Grades 7 & 8: Games - Drama Room

The Church School is always in need of teachers. If you are interested in helping the Church School, please sign up at the Opportunity Table outside Fellowship Hall. If you have never taught, now is the perfect time! All materials and lesson plans are provided. Teaching is done in pairs, so if you know of someone you would like to teach with, sign up with them!

The next meeting of the **Youth Groups** will be January 24 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. All youth in grades 5-12 are welcome to attend. We will break off into two age-based groups, enjoy refreshments, and discuss our plans for the ski trip!

Playtime for children ages infant to five years continues on Wednesday morning in our nursery from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a time for moms to meet and kids to play. There is no charge or registration. Come, join the fun!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 24	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Tues., Jan. 26	9:00 a.m.	Exercise class
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Investment Committee
Wed., Jan. 27	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons
Thurs., Jan. 28	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is **Recognition/Evolution Sunday**.

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HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this

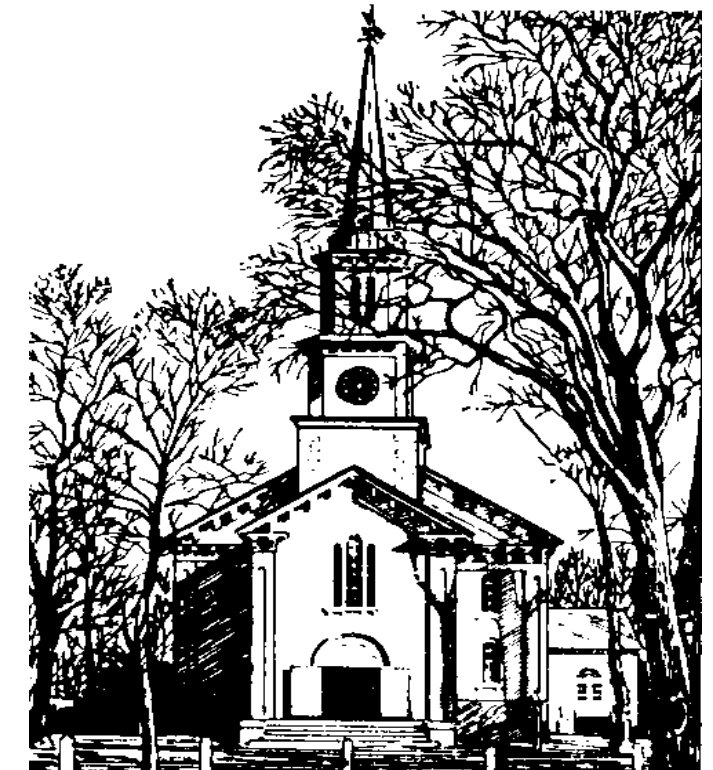
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Falmouth, Massachusetts of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, January 24, 2010

10:00 a.m.



“Believing that God calls us into the Church of Jesus Christ, we invite everyone to join us in worshiping God and in ministering to one another and the world. Seeking God’s guidance we aim, through the effective use of our resources, to meet present-day challenges, especially the fellowship, parenting, and Christian education needs of our congregation.” (Mission statement as adopted October 20, 1996)

We welcome newcomers and visitors to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to fill out a guest card, available from an usher. Include it in the morning offering and detach and wear the accompanying guest tag so our parishioners can greet you. Also, please join us for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after our service.

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