

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Voluntary in C* Boyce

[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. 68 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

CALL TO WORSHIP Lysbeth Abrams

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, "Let there be light." And there was light in all its spectrums – visible light, UV light, X-rays, and gamma rays – light with its enormous power.

People: We praise you, O God, for light, the source of energy for all living creatures.

Leader: And God created humankind in the divine image, in the divine image God created them: and humankind grew in wisdom and intellect and freedom and learned to love their maker.

People: We praise you, O God, for creating us in your image and entrusting us with stewardship of all you have made.

Unison: Let us work with you to extend your creativity in the world for the benefit of all. Let us rest in you to grow ever more confident in your goodness and to celebrate that goodness evolving throughout all creation.

INVOCATION (Unison)

O God, we thank you for the scientific advances of our time because we are seeing nature with new eyes, and what we see fills us with wonder and praise. We look across ever-expanding vistas of cosmic beauty, almost to the beginning of time itself. What we see evokes wonder and humility and we hear within ourselves a new voice arising and singing an anthem of praise that reverberates through the whole creation.

O God, evolution helps us to see you in a new way. You work patiently, calling forth life through complex processes spanning billions of years, waiting for us to awaken and respond in conscious participation in your own overarching dream for all living things. We pray together as Jesus taught us, saying, "Our Father...."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

A LITANY Dr. John Farrington

Leader: God, we thank you for the wondrous evolution of the universe and the evolution of life which be-

come apparent to us in ever-more spectacular detail through the human endeavor of scientific discovery.

People: As people of Christian faith we seek God's blessing and guidance as we celebrate the wonders of human existence.

Leader: God, we ask your blessing as we celebrate the wonders of life and the universe through the human endeavors of literature, visual and performing arts, and social discourse.

People: As people of Christian faith we seek God's blessing and guidance as we celebrate the wonders of all life.

Leader: God, guide us in our understanding of the words of Albert Einstein who stated "Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

People: As people of Christian faith we seek God's blessing and guidance as we celebrate the wonders of the entirety of the universe.

Leader: God, we recognize our individual responsibility and our shared responsibilities with all people of the world for active stewardship of the wonders of the living and non-living resources of the world.

Unison: As people of Christian faith we seek God's blessing and guidance as we strive to attain and nourish sustainable, high-quality life for present and future generations of people. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 513

ANTHEM *The Heavens Are Telling* Beethoven

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:26,27; 2:7 OT 2 Psalm 139:13-16 OT 710

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

*HYMN No. 478 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

OFFERTORY

Anthem *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes* Haan

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

SERMON "Science and Religion: a Student, a Scientist, and a Minister" – Elisabeth Bowerman, Dr. Dennis McGillicuddy, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter

*HYMN No. 74 *O How Glorious, Full of Wonder*

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *God Will Take Care of Thee* Martin/Thygerson *****

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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 Betty & Dick Baker and Sally Brady.

Ushers are JoAnn Coleman, Bev Gigliotti, Jan Goodell, Linda Ryan and Betsy & Sue Todd.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Cathy & Jim Holmes in loving memory of her grandparents, Louis & Artimes Hatzikon.

Jr. Deacon is Gwen Koontz.

Deacons of the Month are Joanne Blum-Carnevale & Fay Hamre.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today marks our church's second annual celebration of **Evolution Sunday**. In our worship today we join more than 700 churches and synagogues across our nation which are affirming that religion and science are compatible and that both are important to our lives. This observance was initiated nationally by The Clergy Letter Project, which to date has had more than 12,000 Christian clergy, 200 Unitarian-Universalist clergy, and 400 Jewish rabbis sign its Clergy Letter affirming the view "that the timeless truths of the Bible and the discoveries of modern science may comfortably coexist" and that in schools, science's theory of evolution should be taught "as a core component of human knowledge."

Members of our church's "Science and Religion" study group are leading our worship this morning. After our coffee hour this morning, some members of that group will be available to participate in a **Question and Answer** period.

Today we also recognize those persons who will, with next weeks' Annual Meeting, "retire" from active participation on a Board or Committee of the church. They are listed on the back

page of the bulletin. Please be sure to offer your thanks during a special coffee hour in their honor.

Copies of the **2009 Annual Report** and a new **Church Members' Manual & Directory** are now available in both the narthex and the lobby of 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.

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

Attention Parents: We are in short supply of teachers for our next rotation, *Crucifixion and Resurrection*. If you are willing to help us out with a few hours of your time to co-teach, please sign up on the board on the Opportunity Table. Materials and lesson plans are provided.

The Youth Groups will be going on a ski trip to Nashoba Valley on February 27. Lift tickets are \$45 for adults and \$43 for ages 12 and under. Tubing tickets are \$25 for two hours. This will be a chaperoned trip for high school students and a family trip for grades 5-8. If you are interested in more information, please email cedirector@firstcongfalmouth.org or rbowerman@aol.com.

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Jan. 31	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Tues., Feb. 2	9:00 a.m.	Exercise class
	9:00 a.m.	Retired Men
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	1:00 p.m.	Lay Ministry
Thurs., Feb. 3	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is **Annual Meeting Sunday**. After our morning service of worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for the 301st annual meeting of our church. All interested persons are encouraged to attend as there will be much information to be given.

OUR THANKS TO.....

	Committee(s)	Years served
Rob Bowerman	Stewardship	6
	Music	3
Ron Church	Trustees	1
Norma Cook	Nominating	2
Bob Gaynor	Deacons	4
Beverly Gigliotti	Reception	4
Richard Harmon	Trustees	8
John Hathaway	Treasurer	1
Dorothy Haynes	Music	3
Walter Mitchell	CCCC Delegate	3
(Walter has continuously served on a committee in the church since 1986, with only one-year breaks in '88 & '06!)		
Bob Nickerson	MACUCC Delegate	2
Judy Nickerson	MACUCC Delegate	2
Marjorie Rugen	Reception	2
(Marge has just agreed to return to the Reception Committee for the coming year, so she's not retiring after all.)		
Thomas Stone	Trustees	3
Marjorie Taylor	Reception	3
	Assistant Collector	1
	Christian Education	6
	Nominating	2

(Marge has continuously served our church since 1998!)

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

Sunday, January 31, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Evolution/Recognition Sunday



“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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