

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Reflection* Boëly

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

MOMENT OF GREETING AND CONCERNS

[We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. We invite everyone to fill out the fellowship pad in their pew at this time. Please pass the pad down your pew and back again. 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.]

***HYMN No. 260** *The Church's One Foundation*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

People: Once again we gather in this sanctuary to worship God, to proclaim God's holiness and immeasurable worth.

Leader: We gather together as a community of faith, a caring fellowship of those who believe in Jesus Christ.

People: We gather to discover God's presence among us and to strengthen each other in Christian discipleship.

Unison: We gather to renew our spirits so we may go back into our world as witnesses, in word and deed, to the wonderful good news and love of God in Jesus Christ.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, once again we gather as a church family to seek your divine presence. We pray that you will open our hearts and minds to the movement of your Spirit. Bless our congregation that its ministries and capacity for service in Christ's name may be strengthened. Increase our faith, enlarge our vision, deepen our compassion and outreach to help others, and empower us all with the gift of your divine love. Praying as Jesus taught us, we say, "Our Father..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

ANTHEM *Pass It Along* Sleeth

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

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23 NT 234

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. 269** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

OFFERTORY

Anthem *It Is Well With My Soul* Poorman

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

SENIOR MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Six major points of our church's Visioning Statement:

1. Our church should be more welcoming and truly open to everyone.
2. Our church should intentionally seek to welcome more young families into our congregation and minister to the needs of our young church families.
3. Our church should intentionally seek to provide more inter-generational activities and contacts within our congregation.
4. Our church should intentionally seek to keep our youth and young adults as an active and vibrant part of our congregation.
5. Our church should do more to celebrate and make known to our wider community that we are a Christian church which encourages people to use both their hearts and their minds in living out their Christian faith and discipleship.
6. Our church should do more to encourage our congregation to develop a personal sense of Christian discipleship. Our church, more than being just another club, has a sacred mission in that we repeatedly seek to discern and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ who is the spiritual head of our church.

***HYMN** *Lord, You Give The Great Commission*

[hymnal, inside front cover]

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** *Postlude in D* Weber

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 Confirmands, Elisabeth Bowerman, Izzy Phares, and Cassie Romkey.

Ushers are Maria & Greg Contos, Jill & Ron Koontz, Carol

LaBollita and Ellie Noyes.

Lay reader is Confirmand, Henry Abrams.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Dr. Michael & Alicia Buccino and children in celebration of John & Ilene Hathaway's 59th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Jean & Gerald Buccino.

Jr. Deacon is Jacob Coakley.

Deacons of the Month are Norma Railey and Martin Monk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **Annual Meeting Sunday**. After our morning service of worship, all persons are encouraged to go to Fellowship Hall, get a cup of coffee or punch, and have a seat. Our annual meeting will begin at 11:15. Although voting is restricted to full and Associate members, ALL persons interested in the activities and well-being of the church are encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

There are still quite a few **2010 Offering Envelopes** on a table in Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your envelopes as they are quite expensive to mail.

On **Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.** there will be a meeting at the church for all persons who wish to help plan our Contemporary Worship services.

The **Wednesday Morning Circle** of the Women's Union will meet this Wednesday, February 10, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Following the business meeting we will prepare Valentine greetings for area nursing homes and Falmouth Hospital. Our program will be a talk by a representative from the Duffy Health Center in Hyannis. Bring a bag lunch; dessert & beverage will be provided.

The community is invited to attend the **Members' Recital** for the Cape Cod Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Sunday, February 14, 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. A free-will offering will be taken to support the chapter's scholarship fund.

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: Art - Room 2

Grades 3 & 4: Games - Drama Room

Grades 5 & 6: Video - Room 3

Grades 7 & 8: Computers - Room 1

Teen program: Old drama room to work on the Easter set

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

Sunday, February 7, 2010

10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 7	11:15 a.m.	Annual Meeting
Tues., Feb. 9	9:00 a.m.	Exercise class
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship planning
Wed., Feb. 10	11:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Board/Committee meetings
Thurs., Feb. 11	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be the **Rev. Chuck Wildman**. That afternoon will be the Members' Recital of the Cape Cod Chapter of the AGO.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 7 - Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, March 21 - Choir Sunday
Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday/OGHS offering
Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services

"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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