

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Soliloquy* Merkel

[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. 7** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us and we belong to God. We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter temple gates with thanksgiving and holy courts with praise. Give thanks to God; bless the Holy One.

People: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.

INVOCATION (Unison)

We gather in these well-worn pews, O God, where generations before us have met. Like our ancestors, we worship in exciting and troubling times. As we give thanks for your precious presence and life itself, we are burdened by personal challenges and global pain. We worry that we may not be up to the tasks that are set before us. Be with us as we worship, that our lips and our minds, our hearts and our strivings, may reflect your love and your healing power now, and in all of the days and nights to come. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

ANTHEM *Canticle of Joy* Waltrap

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 34:29-35 OT 101
Luke 9:28-36 NT 85

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** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

OFFERTORY

Anthem *O Clap Your Hands* MacAfee

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

SERMON "Everything Has Changed" Rev. Charles Wildman

***HYMN No. 322** *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** *Voluntary in G* Boyce

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 Grace & Bill Day and Ann & Tom Stone.

Ushers are Mary & Art Baker, Mary & Ed Celette, and Judy & Bob Heller.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by the Burrough family in loving memory of Arnold H. Burrough, Sr., Arnold H.

Burrough, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bowman.

Jr. Deacon is Jacob Coakley.

Deacons of the Month are Norma Railey and Martin Monk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the **Rev. Charles Wildman** as our guest preacher this morning. Rev. Wildman recently retired from full-time pastoral ministry in the UCC. For the last 20 years, he was Senior Pastor of Rock Spring Congregational Church UCC in Arlington, VA. He also pastored churches in Connecticut, Illinois and Nebraska. Chuck is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and has held volunteer positions at all levels of the UCC, including as president of the Central Atlantic Conference. He and his wife, Anne, make their home in Osterville.

The **AGO Members' Recital**, scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed.

The next **WISS** (Women in Spirit & Service) meeting will be Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter's sermon of January 24, in which he used the devastation of Haiti to discuss the role of God in such tragedies. If you missed it, the sermon is available on the church's website. We will also view a missed portion of the movie *Faith Like Potatoes* and discuss it and the entire movie. At the suggestion of Gretchen Partridge, we will help our church's Children's Clothing Project by accepting donations of clean, gently-worn children's clothing at our meeting. There is a particular need for clothing for ages 3-12. Please bring your donations to our meeting. If you are interested in more information or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Robin Bowerman at rbowerman@aol.com or call 508-457-9542. Come as you can...as you are! Hope to see you there!

We are in the process of receiving donations for a new **hymnal** in our sanctuary: *Hymns of Truth and Light*. Cost is \$20 each. To order a hymnal, please complete an order form which can be found on the Opportunity Table in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. The sheets, with payment, can be brought to the church office. On the order sheet you may also indicate if you wish the hymnal to be given in memory or in honor of an individual(s). One of the unique features of this hymnal is that we can include favorite hymns of our congregation, which are not in the hymnal, in a supplement. You are encouraged to recommend hymn titles for inclusion in this supplement. Forms for this purpose are also on the Opportunity Table as is a basket for their collection.

Attention Gardeners! Now is the time to start! For the plant table at the all-church Rummage Sale on May 1 (yes, it's that time already!) Flower, herb & vegetable seedlings, especially tomatoes, need to be planted NOW in order to be of good size for the sale. In April plan to dig up or divide and pot perennials and shrubs. Be sure to label pots with name & color. Please, no houseplants.

Church School Corner

There is no Church School today because of school vacation.

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.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon., Feb. 15	Holiday - Church Closed
Tues., Feb. 16	9:00 a.m. Exercise class 9:00 a.m. Retired Men 10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle
Wed., Feb. 17	1:00 p.m. Hospital Visitors 7:00 p.m. Church Council
Thurs., Feb. 18	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir
Fri., Feb. 19	MESSENGER DEADLINE

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the **First Sunday in Lent**. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

TRANSFIGURATION

182 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

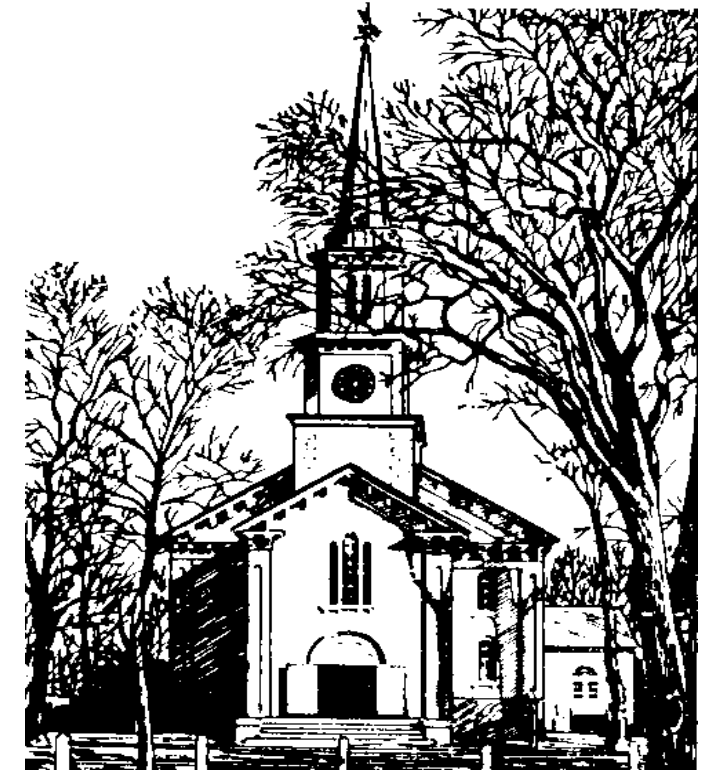
to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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

Sunday, February 14, 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.

REV. DR. DOUGLAS K. SHOWALTER, Senior Minister