

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Communion in E* Guillmant

[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. 195** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* [omit vs.2]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

People: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Leader: And every tongue should confess

People: That Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, you sent your son Jesus Christ to us as the guide and truth of our lives. Help us never to take his life, ministry, and sacrifice for our sakes, for granted. As we enter this season of Lent together, bring the spirit of Christ ever more vividly into our hearts and minds. Sharpen our understanding and deepen our commitment that in our daily living we may ever strive to be his true disciples. We pray to you as he taught us, saying, "Our Father..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

COMMUNION COLLECT (Leader)

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God in whose presence we gather. God promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader)

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins and empowered for new life. This is the gospel which we have received and believe. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 513

ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love*

Parker

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:1-15

NT 74

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

OFFERTORY

Anthem *Come to the Banquet*

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Christ Our Lord"

*COMMUNION HYMN No. 287

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face [vs. 1-3]

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all who love our Lord Jesus Christ to join us in his sacrament of Holy Communion. Also, children may receive this sacrament if they have permission to do so from their parent or guardian.

*COMMUNION HYMN No. 287

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face [vs. 4-5]

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** *Ecclesiastical Hymn* Liszt

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 Gair & Bob Brooks and Erma Ruskey.

Ushers are Joanne Blum-Carnevale, Ed Carter, Fay Hamre, Ed Jackson, Evelyn Johnson and Marcia Young.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Bob & Gair Brooks in honor of all those who volunteer and in loving memory of their daughter Leslie.

Jr. Deacon is Jacob Coakley.

Deacons of the Month are Norma Railey and Martin Monk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A new **Folk Guitar group** is being formed in our church. If you can play the guitar and sing and wish to join, please contact Ben or Joanne Blum-Carnevale at 508-548-0480 or W1vzt@comcast.net.

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!

A **potluck dinner** will be held on Friday, March 5 at our church. A sign-up sheet is on the Opportunity Table in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. After the meal, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter will give a PowerPoint presentation on Holy Land sites associated with the ministry of Jesus. He will utilize professional pictures and some personal ones taken during our church's two Holy Land pilgrimages in the 1990's. Volunteers are also needed to help in the kitchen and with cleanup.

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 1, Dr. Showalter will make a second PowerPoint presentation on sites in Jerusalem associated with Jesus' death and resurrection. This will be presented in conjunction with a by-reservation, Diaconate-sponsored supper prior to our 7:00 p.m. worship service that night. More information to come.

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

Tues., Feb. 23	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
Wed., Feb. 24	7:00 p.m.	Women in Spirit & Service
Thurs., Feb. 25	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday the Outreach Committee will distribute coin boxes and "Sharing Calendars" in anticipation of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be taken on Palm Sunday, March 28. The OGHS offering, administered by Wider Church Ministries, is the refugee, relief and development fund for the United Church of Christ. It provides support to people in more than 80 countries.

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

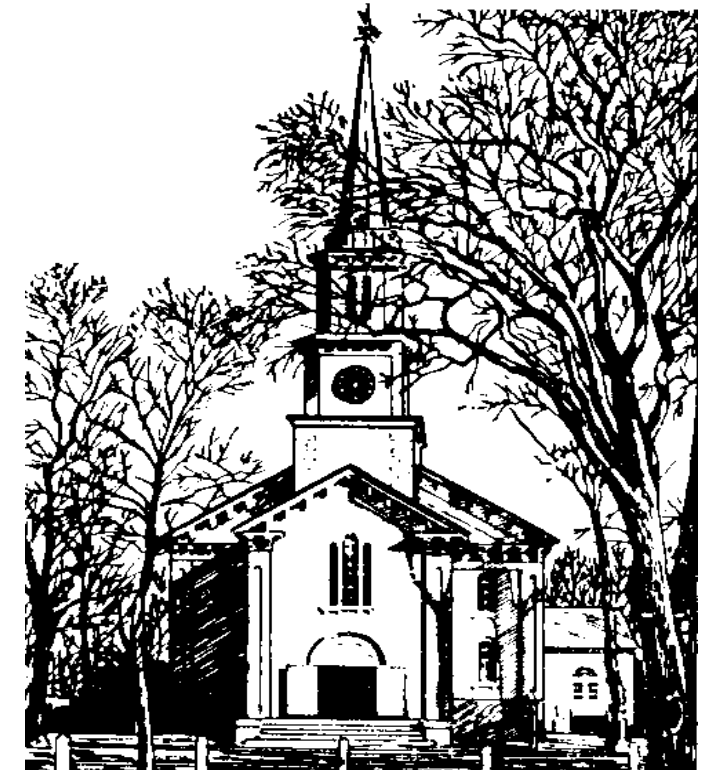
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Falmouth, Massachusetts of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 21, 2010
10:00 a.m.
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



"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