

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prayer* Humperdinck
[We request that the chimes be the signal for a time of quiet meditation before the service]

MOMENT OF GREETING AND CONCERNS

[We invite everyone to fill out the **Fellowship Pad** in their pew at this time. Please pass this pad down your pew and back again. Thank you.]

***HYMN No. 8** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established, what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them slightly less than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; You have entrusted everything into their authority.

People: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

INVOCATION (in unison)

We gather here, refugees from scattered lives and fragmented days. We see wholeness and peace in this holy place. In this sacred time we pray for a new way to live. Remove the distractions and dissonance that obscure your will and way. Lead us to a dawn of faith and courage. Give us excitement about the possibilities for serving that lie ahead. But help us also find blessed rest and refreshment for our souls, in the name of Jesus, the Christ, our peace. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

ANTHEM *It Is Good* Sleeth
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38-42 NT 87

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. 341** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

OFFERTORY

Anthem *Alleluia All Creation* arr. Whitmore

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

SERMON "The Balance Beam" Rev. Charles Wildman

***HYMN No. 426** *The Voice of God is Calling*

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** *Ritornello on ST. COLUMBA* arr. Freudenburg

*Those who are able, please stand

Visitors - We welcome you to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to sign the *Friendship Pad* that is passed in the pew or sign the guest book in the narthex. There are many new faces in our congregation; we encourage those with name tags to please wear them. **Childcare** for ages infant through six years is available downstairs in Room 10.

Please turn off your cell phones.

Please note! Hearing-aid devices are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

Please join us for "Punch on the Portico" after our service.

Greeters are Jean & Tom Duran and Cynthia Sacht.

Ushers are Jeanne & Rod Baltz, John Caspole and Anne Dyer.

Lay reader is Jan Hull.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Marge Rugen in of loved ones.

Deacons of the Month are Marcia Young and Ed Jackson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the **Rev. Charles L. Wildman** as our guest minister this morning. He leaves semi-retirement later this summer to assume the post of Interim Conference Minister for the Connecticut Conference, UCC. Chuck and his wife, Anne, moved to Osterville in 2008 after 40 years in ordained pastoral ministry, serving churches in Connecticut, Illinois, Nebraska and Northern Virginia. The Wildmans have two adult children and one grandchild and belong to West Parish, West Barnstable.

HELP! Your help is needed to keep our church welcoming and friendly. We still need an adult for young child care in Room 10 during church services on a couple of Sundays in August. Please consider signing up for one Sunday (or more!) on the sheet on the Opportunity Table in the lobby of Fellowship Hall. Often, no children show up to require care, so you just go up to the service after 10:25 a.m. Questions? Call Jo Ann Coleman at 508-563-5574.

Our church is seeking to hire a **Director of Christian Education**. We are looking for a dynamic person to oversee our active Church School and youth program. The position requires approximately. 20 hrs/wk with eight weeks off during the summer. Resumes should be sent to First Congregational Church, Attn: CE Search, 68 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540 or emailed to: dcsearch@firstcongfalmouth.org.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues., July 20 10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday our guest minister will be Jennie Valentine.

Church School Corner - Church School classes are not held during the summer. However, childcare for ages infant through 6 years is available downstairs in Room 10. Our program begins again on September 12 followed by a hot dog picnic on the portico. 2010-2011 rotation themes include: Joseph in Egypt, The Prodigal Son, Follow the Star (Christmas), Zacchaeus, Easter Around the World, and Daniel. Our new Youth Group will include grades 4-6 and will meet once-a-month on Sunday evenings beginning in September. **JOIN THE FUN!!!**

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**Sunday, July 18, 2010
10:00 a.m.**