

ORDER OF WORSHIP

We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. Nursery care is available throughout the service - please speak to an usher. Children and youth in Sunday School will leave the service after the Scripture Story with Children. If you would like to share a prayer of joy or concern, we invite you to write them down on the podium outside the sanctuary entrances. During the *Moment of Greeting* we invite everyone to fill out the fellowship pad and pass the pad down your pew and back again.

ORGAN PRELUDE *Reflection*

Boëly

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

MOMENT OF GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Unison



Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth- er in u-ni- ty and love. Weave, weave, weave us to- geth- er. Weave us to- geth- er, to - geth- er in love.

*HYMN No. 238 *The Church's One Foundation*

INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, we worship and adore you. From your bountiful goodness you have blessed us beyond measure. Our world and our very lives testify to your abundance and to your continuing loving care. Help us then, both as individuals and as a congregation, to use those spiritual and material gifts you have given us: to proclaim the gospel, to nurture faith, to build ties of Christian love and fellowship, and to care for the needs of our "neighbors," as Jesus taught us to do. Guided by your spirit, may we strive to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Praying together, we say "Our Father..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

PRAYER OFFERING OF JOY, PRAISE, THANKS

*GLORIA PATRI No. 36

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

Jubilant Fanfare

McChesney

SUNG POEM *Our Church* (Verse 1 only)

HOT&L A-1

STORY WITH OUR CHILDREN

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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO PRAYER No. A-4

[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. A-13 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

OFFERTORY

Anthem *Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

Temple

*Doxology - No. 44

Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:11-16

NT 236

SERMON "A Year of Continuity and Creative Evolving"

*HYMN No. 386 *We Are One in the Spirit*

*BENEDICTION

*UNISON SUNG RESPONSE #345 *God Be With You*

*POSTLUDE *Postlude in D*

Weber

*Those who are able, please stand.

We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. 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 are available. Please speak to a Deacon.

Please join us for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after our service.

Greeters are Nancy & Ron Church and Cynthia Sacht.

Ushers are Sandy & Don Abt, Dot Carter, Hal Petersen, and Sue & John Simchcock.

Lay reader is Linda Dalton.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Dr. Michael and Alicia Buccino and children in celebration of John & Ilene Hathaway's 61st wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Jean & Gerald Buccino.

Deacons of the Month are Ed Carter and Martin Monk. **Jr. Deacon** is Henry Abrams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **Annual Meeting Sunday**. We will hold our 303rd annual meeting immediately following this morning's service of worship. After the service, we encourage all members and friends of our church to proceed to Fellowship Hall, get a cup of coffee or punch, purchase a goody or two from the Youth Group, and have a seat toward the front of the hall. Copies of the **2011 Annual Report** are available on the Opportunity Table and a table in the narthex. We wish to point out that Matt Keeling's name was inadvertently left at the end of the Stewardship Committee's report. Matt has been a very valuable member of that committee we apologize for the omission.

There are now copies of the **2012 Members & Friends Directory** on a table in the narthex and the Opportunity Table. Effort has been made to ensure that all information is accurate, but if you find an error, please notify the office as soon as possible.

The **Wednesday Morning Circle** will meet this Wednesday, February 8, at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The business meeting will be followed by a brown-bag lunch with dessert provided. Please bring the valentines that you have signed to the meeting. Our program, beginning at 12:45 p.m., will be a presentation by artist Salley Mavor. She has crafter elaborate three-dimensional "sets" out of fabric, found treasures, and natural Cape Cod objects that are photographed to illustrate her exquisitely-detailed children's books. She remarks: "Attaching the found objects, that's when everything changes. That's when the surprises come." Join us Wednesday to see these "surprises." All women are invited.

The Deacons would like to extend an invitation to join them in celebrating **Ash Wednesday** and the beginning of Lent. What: Ash Wednesday Service to include a soup and bread meal, an anointing with oil for those who wish, it and a short Bible Study to begin Lent. When: Wednesday, February 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. What you can do: Sign up at the Opportunity Table if you can bring soup. A crock pot would be preferable, and please indicate what type of soup you wish to make. It is a known fact that there are many of you out there with recipes for your favorite soup. Please also sign up if you would be willing to supply bread. Last, but NOT least, please sign up if you are planning to attend, so we will have an idea of how much food we need, and make plans for setting up. Hope to see you there!

2011 Pledge Statements are available on a table in Fellowship Hall. Please check your statements carefully and report any errors to the church office. Statements will remain available until April 15, at which time they will be destroyed.

MORE important announcements on next panel

**AND DON'T MISS
THE LENTEN STUDY**

Last year we got "In Rhythm with God"
This year we will be
"Living God's Melody"

So there will definitely be some good music to "set the tone!"
And since the melody of God comes to us through the Bible -
we will be studying New Testament themes using the
"Discovering the Bible" materials from *Kerygma*
(explore@kerygma.com)

*There is no book to buy, handouts will be given out each week
(small donation)*

*There will be an Introduction to the Study
at the Ash Wednesday Supper*

*The Study starts the following week with the option of two
different times on Tuesdays, beginning February 28:
10:30 - 12:00 or 7:00 - 8:30*

*Please sign-up outside the church office
You can "mix and match" which groups you attend - but please
sign-up for a primary group so we can have enough handouts!*

Sunday School Corner

We begin a mini **Mission Project rotation** today that will continue through February 12th. All children in grades 1 - 6 will meet together in the lower lobby. We'll hear the story of a refugee boy from Somalia and learn about the Kids-to-Kids Mission & Immigration Ministry, a program we will support with our fundraiser in March. Ed Jackson will speak to the kids about a refugee family our church had sponsored in the past. The Teen Program and the Confirmation class will attend a special **Faith IS Compatible with Science** program presented by Kerri Evans and Ron & Jill Koontz. They will meet in Room 5. Infants - Kindergarten will meet in Rooms 10 & 12. New families are always welcome!

Youth Group (grades 4 - 6) will hold a bake sale in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service today. Proceeds will benefit their mission programs. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 12.

Upcoming Events: mark your calendars!

Giant Musical Chairs Fundraiser - Sunday, March 25, immediately following worship.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 5	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Mon., Feb. 6	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Search Committee
Tues., Feb. 7	9:00 a.m.	Retired Men's Group
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	1:00 p.m.	Lay Ministry Committee
Wed., Feb. 8	7:00 p.m.	Board/Committee Meetings
Thurs., Feb. 9	1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Sat., Feb. 10	10:00 a.m.	Children's Clothing Project

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday our guest preacher will be Christine Burns.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, February 22 Ash Wednesday Soup & Service

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

**Sunday, February 5, 2012
10:00 a.m.
ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY**



**OUR CHURCH LIFE
Varied ~ Vibrant ~ Vital**

We welcome newcomers and visitors to our church fellowship and hope you will come again. We invite you to fill out the Friendship pad located in your pew. Also, please join us for coffee hour in Fellowship Hall after our service.

REV. STEVEN ALSPACH, Minister