

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. 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.

Meditation: "Silence is pure and holy. It draws people together because only those who are comfortable with each other can sit without speaking."

Nicholas Sparks, *The Notebook*

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

A MOMENT OF GREETING

Passing of the Lord's Peace

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalms 42 & 43

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in need of good news.

We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

***HYMN No. 102** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")
from I Kings 19:8-15a)

O God, you come to us not in the chaos of the whirlwind, not in the roar of the earthquake, not in the crackling heat of the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. Quite our minds, bring peace to our hearts and stillness to our bodies that we might meet you in that silence. Help us to listen for your still, small voice. Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us, trusting that you will prepare the way. We pray this in the name of our Companion on the journey, Jesus the Christ, as we pray "Our Father..."

CHORAL INTERLUDE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:23-29 NT 230

***HYMN No. 281** *Spirit of the Living God*

SERMON "A Sound of Sheer Silence"

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Prayer

Anthem

*Doxology - No. 44

Prayer of Dedication

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN No. 445** *Be Thou My Vision*

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** *Chorale on GOTT SEI DANK* arr. Peery

***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 Betty & Chuck Mitchell and Harriet Ogilvie.

Ushers are Betsey Jackson, Gretchen Partridge, Hal Petersen, Tom Ryan and Marcia Young.

Lay reader is Carolyn Belmore.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Marge Rugen in loving memory of friends and family.

Deacons of the Month are Joanne Blum-Carnevale and Ed Jackson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is an opening for **altar-table flowers** on August 4; please call the church office if you are interested.

Couples' Club Summer Meeting - A repeat of a meeting we have enjoyed for the past few summers, it's a change to go out to enjoy some good company, a delicious meal, and an entertaining program. On Monday, July 8, 6:00 p.m. we'll gather for dinner then attend the Hyannis Sound concert in our sanctuary at 8:00. Sign up on the clipboard on the Opportunity Table to bring a salad or dessert; clam chowder, iced tea & lemonade will be provided. Cost is \$5 per couple for dinner and \$10 per person from the concert. Please bring the correct amounts in cash. We're always delighted to have guests!

Due to popular demand from the community, the Outreach Committee has voted to continue its 2nd and 4th Saturdays schedule for the **Children's Clothing Project** through the entire summer. Therefore, we will need volunteers to staff these new dates. Please consider signing up on the clipboard on the Opportunity Table.

It's time again to think of the availability of Sunday morning **childcare** in our church during the summer months. We need two adults (no married couples) to be in Room 10 downstairs for childcare each Sunday, all summer. We anticipate a growth in attendance of couples with young children who would welcome this service. When you sign up, it is necessary that you remain in Room 10 during the entire Church service, due to possible late arrivals. We need to provide childcare in order to keep our wonderful Church inviting for our members, visitors, and potential new members. We need YOUR help for it to happen! The dates to be covered are: June 30 (9:40 a.m. arrival); July 7, 21, 28, August 4, 18, 25 (8:40 a.m. arrival); September 1 (9:40 arrival). Please sign up at the Opportunity Table or email Lisa McGillicuddy at cedirector@firstcongfalmouth.org or lmcgillicuddy60@hotmail.com or call Jo Ann Coleman at 508-563-5574. Thank you for your continuing help and support.

Sunday School Corner

Sunday School classes and Teen Program do not meet during the summer months, however **childcare is available every Sunday during worship** (downstairs in Rooms 10 & 12). Our programs will resume on September 8. **New families are always welcome!**

Please mark your calendars!

Park Space Sale - Wednesday, July 10 - 9:30 - 2:00 The Sunday School kids will help raise money for youth activities by selling our parking spaces during the *Falmouth Street Fair*.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues., June 25 10:00 a.m. Friendly Circle
4:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, July 7 Summer Worship Service Schedule begins
9:00 a.m. (Through August 25)
Wednesday, July 10 Parking space sale for the Street Fair!
Thursday, Aug. 15 We host "Falmouth Eats Together"

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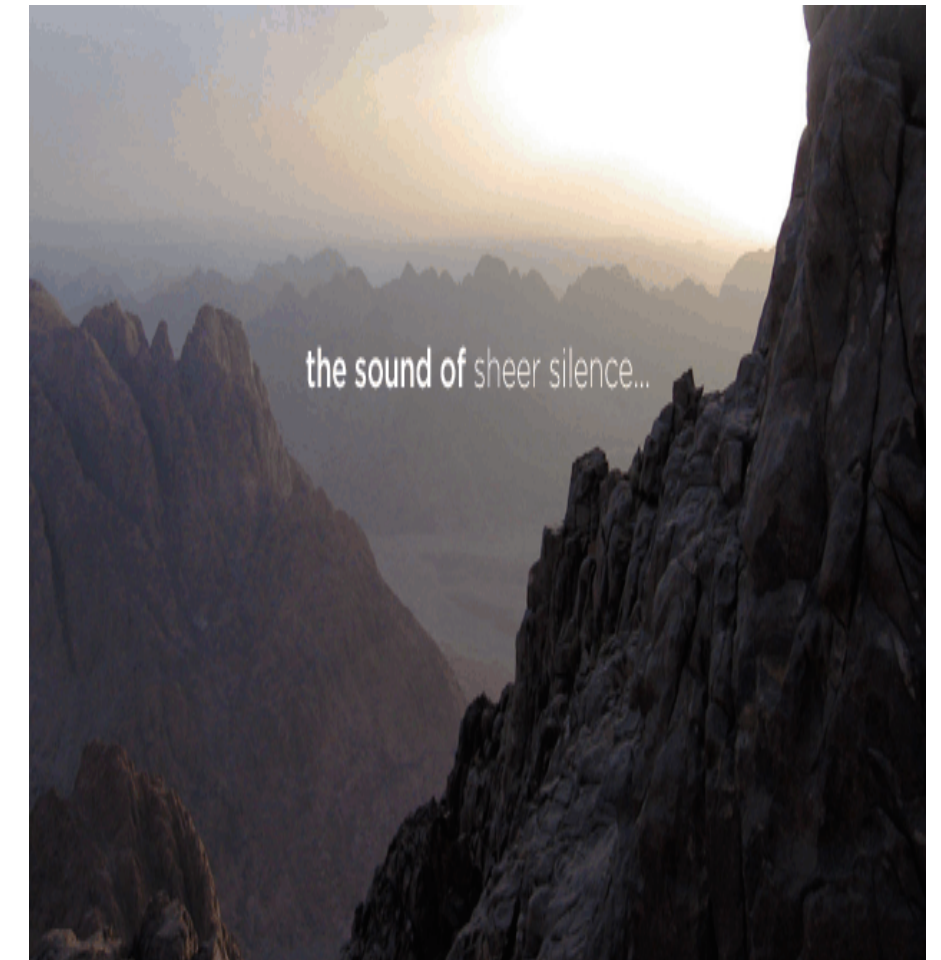
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Manse Minute #5

Why do we call it the Swift Bodfish House the "Manse"? A manse, according the dictionary, can either mean a large, stately or imposing residence or "A cleric's house and land, especially the residence of a Presbyterian minister". The term Manse is common in England and in Scotland as a minister's residence. When a Manse moved out of ownership from the church or was a converted to another function another adjective was added to distinguish it from the home of the Minister. Nathaniel Hawthorn's short story "the Old Manse" about a former parsonage in Concord is an example of this. Perhaps a more common proper term for the Manse today might be a "parsonage" meaning, of course, the home of the parson. Prior to our purchase of the Manse around 1960, the church owned a building on Palmer Avenue occupied by the minister and did call it the parsonage. That building, sold in 1967 and now gone, was located near where Katherine Lee Bates Road meets Palmer Avenue. So it is a bit of an oddity that when that house was abandoned by the church and that function was moved to the Manse that the term parsonage did not move with it.

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

Sunday, June 23, 2013
10:00 a.m.



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. JONATHAN DRURY, Minister