

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* Bach

[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. 26 *O Be Joyful in the Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: In him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: O come, let us walk in the light of the LORD,

People: That he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, we pray that you will illumine our hearts with the light of your grace this morning: that our lips may praise you; that our lives may bless you; that our worship together in this place may glorify you. In the name of your son Jesus Christ, our world's true light, we pray together saying, "Our Father..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts")

CHORAL INTERLUDE

UNISON READING No. 121 Page 543

*GLORIA PATRI No. 513

ANTHEM *Happy in the Lord* Parker

CHILDREN'S STORY Lee Anne Campbell

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

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-18 NT 111

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. 225 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

OFFERTORY

Anthem *Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God* Mueller

*Doxology - No. 515

Offertory Prayer

SERMON "Christ, the World's True Light"

*HYMN No. 63 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Hymnus Chorale* Lindblom

We welcome all who are joining us in worship this morning. 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 Edie Anne Fredericks, Erma Ruskey and Elin Sorlie.

Ushers are Cliff Duckworth, Beverly Gigliotti, Fay Hamre, Richard Harmon and Lois & David Parker.

Lay reader is John Simchock.

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

Jr. Deacon is Jacob Coakley.

Deacons of the Month are Norma Railey and Martin Monk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning, the Outreach Committee will distribute coin boxes and "Sharing Calendars" in preparation for 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 of the United Church of Christ. It provides support to people in more than 80 countries.

World Day of Prayer will be observed this Friday, March 5, with a service at 1:00 p.m. at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on the Village Green. The service, "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God" was written by the women of Cameroon. All are welcome to attend.

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

A **potluck dinner** will be held on Friday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in 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 7:30 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.

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

Today is Evolution Sunday for the Church School! All children will learn about how the Bible and modern science are compatible. Workshops are:

Grades 1-3: Room 2

Grades 4 & 5: Room 3

Grades 6-8: Drama Room

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.

Playtime continues for children ages infant to 5 years on Wednesdays, 10AM-12PM in our nursery. This is a time for moms to meet and kids to play. There is no charge or registration. Come, join the fun!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Feb. 28	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
Tues., Mar. 2	9:00 a.m.	Retired Men
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	1:00 p.m.	Lay Ministry
Thurs., Mar. 4	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Fri., Mar. 5	6:30 p.m.	Pot Luck Supper

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday there will be a "blended" worship service with some modern worship elements mixed in. Beginning at 9:35 a.m., Tom Ryan will make a special PowerPoint presentation entitled "Celebrating Our Vibrant and Diverse Congregation Through Photography."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 21 - Choir Sunday
Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday/OGHS offering
Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services
Sunday, April 25 - Laity Sunday
Sunday, May 2 - Nan Geertz Scholarship Sunday
Sunday, May 16 - Confirmation
Sunday, May 23 - New Member Sunday

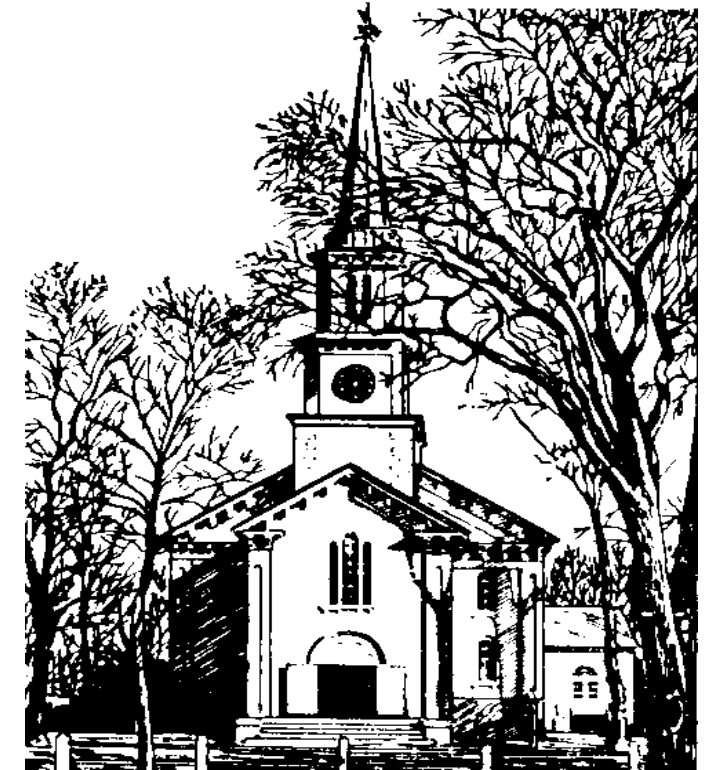
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Falmouth, Massachusetts of the United Church of Christ

**Sunday, February 28, 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