

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 "A Time with Our 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.

Meditation: "The harmony of natural laws, which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection." Albert Einstein

ORGAN PRELUDE *Fantasia* Pachelbel
[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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Congregation Affirmation: **We welcome you into the common life of our church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in his knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Something drew us together this morning.

A mystery we cannot name but which we experience in worship.

A holy mystery we call God.

Some sacred calling we hear in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Some indescribable hope we feel when we are gathered with the Spirit.

May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.

***HYMN No. 528** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God of all the prophets, you knew us and chose us before you formed us in the womb. Fill us with a faith that speaks your word, hope that does not disappoint, and love that bears all things for your sake, until that day when we shall know you fully, even as we are known by you. Hear us now as we raise our voices to you in the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father..." (debts)

CHORAL INTERLUDE

LET THE CHILDREN COME

[After this, Sunday School children may go to their classes.]

ANTHEM *The Heavens are Telling* Beethoven

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 150 OT 717

SERMON "Faith and Science on an Antarctic Voyage"
Dr. Dennis J. McGillcuddy, Jr.

OFFERTORY

Invitation to Prayer

Anthem *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Stafford

*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. 81** *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*

*BENEDICTION

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

***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 The Gilbert family and Kathie & Day Mount.

Ushers are Madi Andrade, Martine & Wil Bindler-Desbiens, Ed Jackson, and Sam Walker.

Lay reader is Rachel Gilbert.

Flowers on the altar-table are given by Dick Harmon in loving memory of .

Deacons of the Month are Rob Bowerman and Bob McGowen. **Jr. Deacon** is Elisabeth Bowerman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **Evolution and New Member Sunday**. Our sermon is being delivered by Dr. Dennis McGillcuddy, a member

of our church who works at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Please see the back panel of the bulletin for information about our new members and add it to your resource lists.

Immediately after our service this morning, please take your seat in preparation for the special congregational meeting.

Well, we're finally able to hold our second **Neighborhood Luncheon**. We hope you were able to sign up, but if you didn't **COME ANYWAY!** Lunch will begin shortly after the end of the meeting.

The **Wednesday Morning Circle** will meet this Wednesday, March 13, at 11:00 a.m. Bring a brown-bag lunch and dessert will be provided. After the business meeting, a program will be presented by Ellen Boral, President of the Falmouth Educational Foundation. This non-profit was founded to support innovative programming projects. Since its first granting in 2006, the FEF has funded over 100 projects for a total of over \$300,000.

Easter Lilies -- It's time to order the Easter lilies which will decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$9.25 and can be ordered by calling the church office at 508-548-3700. Payment will be to the church. Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, March 20, 4:00 p.m.

Name Tags: For those who wish new/replacement name tags, you are encouraged to add your name to the list on the Opportunity Table. For those who have not picked the tags, please do so and pay as per instructions. For those you have picked up tags but not paid, please do so as soon as possible.

In preparation for the **One Great Hour of Sharing offering** to be taken Sunday, March 24, the Outreach Committee has made coin boxes and Sharing Calendars available on the Opportunity Table. The OGH offering, administered by Wider Church Ministries, is the refugee, relief, and development fund of the United Church of Christ. It provides support in 138 countries, including the U.S.

Attention Gardeners!!! We realize it's hard to think about this with all the snow we've had, but for the plant table at the **All-Church Rummage Sale** on May 4, please start now! Flower, herb, and vegetable seedlings, especially tomatoes, need to be planted now in order to be of good size by 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.

NEW MEMBERS TODAY

Robert & Yvonne Korwatch 508-356-3044
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Louise Miller 508-457-6689
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Sunday School Corner

Today children in grades 1-4 will engage in a special program highlighting the life of Jesus. We will read *The light of the World*, written by Katherine Paterson (a Newbery Medal winner and author of *Bridge to Terabithia*). Then we'll pay some DONKEY games (including a piñata) which relate to the our current Palm Sunday rotation theme. Children in grades 104 will meeting their teachers in the lower lobby and got to the Games workshop. Grades 5-12 will remain in the worship service to hear the special sermon given by Dennis McGillicuddy. Infants-Kindergarten meet in Rooms 10 & 12. **New families are always welcome!**

Youth Group Meetings:

Middle School (grades 4-6) - today, March 10 - 4:00-6:30 p.m.
 High School (grades 9-12) - Monday, March 18 - 7-8:30 p.m.
 Middle School (grades 4-6) - Sunday, March 24 - 4:30-6:00
 Junior High (grades 6-8) - Monday, April 1 - 7:-8:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun., Mar. 10	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Special Congregational meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Neighborhood Lunch
Tues., Mar. 12	9:30 a.m.	Trustees' meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Friendly Circle
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education meeting
Wed., Mar. 13	11:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Circle
	6:00 p.m.	Pot luck
	7:30 p.m.	UMaine Singers Concert
Thurs., Mar. 14	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 17	Choir Sunday
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday
Thursday, March 28	Maundy Thursday Office of Tenebrae Service - 7:30 p.m.



University of Maine Singers to present concert!

We are very excited to have the University of Maine Singers, under the direction of Dr. Dennis Cox, returning to our church this **Wednesday, March 13**, for a pot luck supper at 6:00 p.m. and then a FREE concert at 7:30.

Pot luck supper - Dinner will BEGIN PROMPTLY at 6:00 p.m. A sign up sheet for the dinner is on the Opportunity Table; **deadline to sign up is TODAY!** Dessert is being provided by the Music Committee and Choir, so please sign up to bring either a casserole or salad. Everyone should plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6:00, with their dish, and ready to eat at 6:00! In making your dish, please remember that we will have extra mouths to feed, so a little extra would be helpful!

The Concert - From the program sent to us, it looks like this will be a great concert! We realize that there are many things going on in Falmouth that evening, but we sincerely hope there will be many folks who come out to hear these wonderful young musicians. The concert is FREE, however donations will be accepted at the door to help the singers defray some of their travel costs.

For those who volunteered to house singers... You should have received an email from Robin Bowerman with housing details. If you have not already done so, please be sure to get back to Robin with your confirmation.

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

**Sunday, March 10, 2013
 10:00 a.m.**

EVOLUTION/NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



**"Let everything that breathes
 praise the LORD!"**

Psalm 150

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