

Second Congregational Church

Cohasset, Massachusetts



March 30, 2025

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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4th Sunday in Lent (violet)

“I don't like it in the wind, I wanna back home again. But I can't go home this way. This way, Lord... Lord, Lord...I can't go home this way.” –

Bob Dylan, “*I Was Young When I Went Home*”

PRELUDE

F. Mendelssohn

Prelude in G major, Opus 72

As the prelude begins, let the music help you enter into the spirit of worship and prayer.

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

from Psalm 32

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,

Many: Whose sin is covered.

Leader: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,

Many: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;

Many: At a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

Leader: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

Many: You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

***ALL**

We hear the ancient Psalm, this morning, from the safe space of our church and town, from within the comforts of home. In holding fast to our Sunday morning traditions, in having stuck with each other through thick and thin, we imagine ourselves to be faithful, to be on the right path. Easy to think that those who know trouble or distress are ‘*out there,*’ struggling upon a different path, separate from us. Spirit of Jesus, open our ears to cries of deliverance – open our hearts to those who know trouble – open our minds that we might not be deceived by a lack of imagination. Spirit of Jesus, above all, help us open our church to everyone who longs for home, who seeks refuge in distress, who yearns for a family more welcoming than the one they’ve known. *Amen.*

***HYMN #334**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

OFFERING

Words of Gratitude

Offertory Music

E. Grieg

Ballad - from Lyric Pieces, Opus 65

*Doxology (No. 625) and Offertory Prayer

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

ANTHEM

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (15: 1-3, 11b-32)

REFLECTION

“A Family Affair”

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

***HYMN #487**

Peace, Perfect Peace

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

G. Faure

Romance without Words, Opus 17

*Please be seated and enjoy the Postlude in silence
as we prepare to go out for service in the world*

Minister	Jonathan Pierce
Music Director	Jin Kim
Musician	Konstantinos Papadakis
Ushers/Greeters	Pattie Mazules & Herb Marsh
Fellowship	Marsha Silvia, DeeDee Perry & Pattie Mazules
Reader	Paul Carlson
Hostess	George Baumgarten

Week at-a-glance

Day	Description	Time	Location
Sunday	Traditional Service	9:30	Sanctuary
	Fellowship	10:30	Bates Hall
	Sunday Reflection	11:30	Sanctuary
Wednesday	Lenten Reflection	11:30	Sanctuary
	Bible Study	Noon	Bates Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00	Bates Hall
Friday	M+ <i>Friday Reflection</i>	9:30	Bates Hall
Sunday	Choir Rehearsal	8:45	Sanctuary
	Worship	9:30	Sanctuary
	Fellowship	10:30	Bates Hall
	Sunday Reflection	11:30	Sanctuary