

Second Congregational Church

Cohasset, Massachusetts



May 18, 2025

Mission Statement

***Our mission is to welcome everyone to:
Experience the transforming love of God;
Nurture spiritual growth at all ages
Connect to others in love and service
Share the Good News while respecting
each person's spiritual journey***

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Cohasset, Massachusetts

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter (white)

“We’re one but we’re not the same. We’ve got to carry each other, carry each other.” – U2

PRELUDE

A. Guilmant

Organ Prelude in G major, Opus 15

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 148*

Leader: Praise the Lord sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Many: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps

Many: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Many: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Many: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Opening Prayer (unison)

There is a throughline in our ancient stories and Psalms – we have repeated it in this *Call to Worship* – that affirms that *all of God’s creation* is part of God’s family. The

heavens, bad weather, the unknown creatures of the oceans, yes. And also Israel's mortal enemies, kings and peoples of other nations, even those who opposed and enslaved God's chosen people. Jesus embodied this universal call of God, inviting sinners and outcasts, even the one who betrayed him, into his inner circle. Spirit of Jesus, help us see our way in present times. Open our eyes to the experiences of your earliest followers, your first church, to see where our church might go today. *Amen.*

* HYMN #560

For the Beauty of the Earth

OFFERING

Words of Gratitude

Offertory Music

G. Handel

Passacaglia in A minor (arr. J. Halvorsen)

Reception of Gifts

*Doxology (No. 625) and Offertory Prayer

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

ANTHEM

Douglas Nolan

Eye Hath Not Seen

A Reading from the Acts 11: 1-18

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians (2: 11-14)

REFLECTION *"Reconciling and Reckoning"*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

*HYMN #271

Standing on the Promises

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

W. Bolcom

Old Adam Rag (Two-step) – from the Garden of Eden

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

*All who are able to do so comfortably, may stand.

Minister	Jonathan Pierce
Music Director	Jin Kim
Organist	Konstantinos Papadakis
Greeters	Pattie Mazules & Herb Marsh
Reader	Jeff Nothnagle
Fellowship	Taffy Nothnagle & Pattie Mazules

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	Bible Study	Noon	Bates Hall
Thursday	DSG Meeting	10:00	Library
	Mindfulness Plus		
Friday	<i>Reflection Circle</i>	9:30	Bates Hall
	Cohasset Prom		
	Walk	12-	Bates Hall
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Tuesday, May 27th Working Group #3 will resume at 5:30 in the Bates Hall: All are welcome to come, discuss the mission of the church: and how our Church Committees work to support this mission & vision!

Vision Statement:

***Grow Spiritually, creating a congregation
known for faith and love***
***Grow in Christian caring, enriching our world and
community through service***
***Grow numerically, cultivating a strong and
committed fellowship***

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