



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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1754 Third Parish Church;
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10:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Discipleship: Valuing all persons.
“There is no question of what we can make [of Christ],
it is entirely a question of what he intends to make of us.”

–C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock* (London: William Collins/
Fount, 1980), pp. 83-84

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

HONORING OUR CALL TO BE PEACEMAKERS

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, we invite you to turn and greet those around you sharing the peace of Christ saying: “The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”)

PRELUDE

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, rejoice in God's presence!

All: As we praise and pray, God is with us.

One: People of God, rejoice in this faith community!

All: As we support each other, as we reach out a helping hand, God is with us.

One: People of God, rejoice in your Christian faith!

All: As we follow the way of Jesus, as we proclaim His Good News, God is with us.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

No. 687, vs. 1,3,4

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: You are keepers of God's promise.

All: We rejoice in this opportunity to worship.

One: You are keepers of God's promise.

All: We support each other through prayer and action.

One: You are keepers of God's promise.

All: We look out for the needs of our local community.

One: You are keepers of God's promise.

All: We have known God's promise, wonderfully kept, in the life, death, and rising of Jesus. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Give us, O God, Your zest for life. When the routine of everyday life dominates and oppresses us,

All: give us, O God, Your zest for life; free us up to follow in fresh and exciting directions.

One: When the worries of our situation seem never ending,

All: give us, O God, Your zest for life, the will to seek help, the courage to make difficult choices.

One: When the troubles of a friend or family member weigh on us,

All: give us, O God, Your zest for life, that we may encourage and inspire.

One: When the way of the church seems uninspiring and dull,

All: give us, O God, Your zest for life, the vision of a joyful fellowship, the chance to share in new faith enterprises.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor Michael

One: Like salt, like yeast, your influence is silent, yet strong within us, O God.

All: As we feel our confidence restored, as we sense our hope renewed, as we realize the power for good that is ours in Christian fellowship, active peace is ours.

One: Pardon and peace is God's will for you.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(NRSV p. 173; RSV p. 183[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

(NRSV p. 146; RSV p. 157[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Baby Talk"

Pastor Michael

*HYMN

"Walk With Me"

Insert

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: O God, Great and Eternal Giver, we rejoice in Your generosity to us from our first day, to this day. Enable us to share Your generosity with the poor:

All: those without adequate food or shelter, those in poor health, those poor in friendship and family, those poor in their life of faith.

One: We offer these gifts for blessing, in the name of Jesus, who blessed the poor and said, "theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

No. 494, vs. 1,2,4

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new Life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE

(During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.)

(* Please rise in body or spirit.

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in **bold**, words may be spoken together in unison.

† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side of the sanctuary and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

Please silence or turn off your cell phone before you enter the sanctuary. Thank you!

Worship Participants

Greeter: Barry Hamilton

Liturgist: Judy Nilsen

Ushers: Jack Davis, Judy Currier, Mollie Mason, Kim Mason



*The flowers this morning are
in loving memory of my mother*

Gloria Strobel

from Matthew Strobel

We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex. We encourage you to sign the guest book.

Children will be dismissed for Kids' Church following "A Time for the Children." **Visiting children are always welcome!** Kids' Church takes place in the downstairs classrooms, and runs until 11:15 AM. Children in preschool through grade 2 will not be dismissed after class until picked up by a parent.

We have several openings for chancel flowers. Sign up today to hold a special date and celebrate the Glory of God and remember or honor a loved one. You can provide the **Chancel Flowers** by selecting a Sunday in 2017 and signing up on the flower sheet in Fellowship Hall. Fill out a chancel flower form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office.

Are you able to provide help during the worship service? We are looking for people to volunteer for the following positions:

Ushering: (contact Larry Perry or Jim Parr at jparr2@maine.rr.com) Both regular and substitute ushers are needed. Ushers hand out bulletins and collect the offering.

Greeters: (contact Carol Kauffman at bearlover12@earthlink.net) Either singularly or as a pair, the greeter(s) welcome parishioners upon their arrival to church and occasionally deliver altar flowers to our homebound friends.

Liturgists: (contact Larry Perry or Jim Parr at jparr2@maine.rr.com) Liturgists are responsible for leading the congregation in the Prayer of Invocation and Prayer of Confession. They also read the first scripture.

Thank you for your service to the church.

The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in February:** Monday, February 20 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM; Tuesdays, February 14, 21 and 28 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and on Thursdays, February 16 and 23 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**Robbie Coleman
Charlie Grubb
Maureen Grubb
Katrina Harriman Conde
Mimi Mahirwe**



**Chris Gage
Virginia Eddy
Carol Kauffman
James Smith
Val Gray**

Please let the church office know if we have missed someone. We will keep people on the prayer list for one month. If you would like them to continue on the prayer list, please update us so that we may better pray for them. Thank you.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; **Matthew 5:38-48**

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday
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This Week's Schedule

- Sunday February 12**
10:00 AM **Worship**
10:10 AM **Kids' Church**
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:30 AM Council of Ministries (Grant Room)
Deadline for March *Congregator* submissions
- Monday February 13**
6:00 PM Ministry of Education (Grant Room)
- Tuesday February 14**
10:00 AM Bible Study (OceanView)
- Wednesday February 15**
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday February 19**
9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM **Worship**
10:10 AM **Kids' Church**
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
11:30 AM Bible Study (Parlor)



Falmouth Congregational Church is a fragrance-free environment. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products and/or similar products.