



ONE
Life
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ONE
Resurrection

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Rev. Michael Richards, Pastor and Teacher



9:00 & 11:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APRIL 16, 2017

THEME

*In an amazing reversal the one lifted up on the cross is lifted up to God's glory.
Easter did not happen just once in the past. It happens every day.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **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. "The Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you.")

PRELUDE

"Pavanne from Capriole Suite"

Peter Warlock

Topsham Strings

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Dawn breaks. Light out of darkness. Life out of death.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Hope replaces doubt. Faith overcomes fear. Love transforms hate.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: The light shines in the darkness. The darkness has not, and will not, overcome it.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: God has made this new day. We rejoice and are glad in it. God's love is always with us.

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

One: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, illumine our hearts and minds.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: Let us pray: (Prayer as we light the Paschal Candle)

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

(Children may return to their seats to enjoy worship with their families.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Christ is risen!

All: Worship comes alive, and resounds with joy and thanksgiving.

One: Christ is risen!

All: The lonely find friends, and join in caring community.

One: Christ is risen!

All: The dejected ones find peace, and celebrate enthusiastically.

One: Christ is risen!

All: Good News is proclaimed, and breaks down all barriers. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We move from cruel cross to empty tomb;

All: the routines of life have deadened us, but we believe that joy and creativity lie ahead.

One: We move from testing cross to empty tomb;

All: we have faced the harsh realities, but we believe that life will laugh and dance again.

One: We move from evil cross to empty tomb;

All: injustice is no longer acceptable to us, and we believe the powerful ones will be confronted.

One: We move from hopeless cross to empty tomb;

All: our faith has been marked by apathy, but we believe our spirits will sing as we go about Christ’s saving work.

*HYMN

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Insert

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

POSTLUDE

“The Strife Is O’er”

Geovanni da Palestrina/
Carl Simone

(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.

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

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



Worship Participants

9 AM Service

11 AM Service

Greeters: Carol Dow, Mary Hart
Liturgists: Virginia Eddy
Ushers: Jack Davis, Jim Parr
Ted Vail, Dolores Vail
Acolytes: Aiden & Ethan Hendry

Barry & Ginny Hamilton
Jim Parr
Anne Coleman, Rodney Coleman,
John Boothby, Michel Kanyambo
Nathan Geary



*Special thanks to the Topsham Strings ensemble, Brendan Krueger (trumpet),
and the Chancel Choir for sharing their musical gifts today.*



We **welcome** you to worship. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex.

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**Children are invited to enjoy worship with their families today.** Kids’ Church will resume next Sunday. **Visiting children are always welcome!**  
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Thank you for your gift of Easter lilies, tulips and daffodils that grace the chancel today. You may pick up your plant(s) after the 11 AM service.

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Please note that the **office will be closed tomorrow, April 17, Easter Monday.**  
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The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in April:** Monday, April 17 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM; Tuesdays, April 18 and 25 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and on Thursdays, April 20 and 27 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.

Please join us for these upcoming events...

**Friday, April 21 at 6:30 PM
Coffee House featuring Connor Garvey**

This second-Friday-of-every-month coffee house features local music artists, great coffee, non-alcoholic beverages and other treats. Our Coffee House is appropriate for all ages. Baked goods and hot beverages are available. A free-will donation will be accepted.

This month features Conner Garvey, an award-winning singer-songwriter from Portland, Maine, with the amiable presence of an entertainer, the lyrical depth of a poet, and the enchantment of a storyteller. Garvey leaves audiences uplifted and inspired through a positive message delivered in a way The Portland Press Herald says proves you can be optimistic and self-aware without being boring. His unique sandy tenor and masterful blend of rhythm and melody draw comparisons to Paul Simon and contemporaries Josh Ritter and Jason Mraz.

Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 PM



Old favorites or new...requests encouraged!

Bring your friends, bring your family!

These events are open to all. Please join us!

For more information, please call the church office at 781-3413.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Robbie Coleman
Charlie Grubb
Maureen Grubb
Mimi Mahirwe**



**Joyce Harmon
Bee O'Brien
Paul Varga**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Chan and Kathie Sinnett; and other family members of Charlotte Sinnett. Charlotte passed to her eternal rest this week.

“In life and in death we hold fast to the promises of the Gospel.”

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.



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

This Week's Schedule

Sunday **April 16 ~ Easter**

5:30 AM **Sunrise Service at Town Landing**

9:00 AM **Worship**

11:00 AM **Worship**

Deadline for May *Congregator* submissions

Monday **April 17**

Office Closed

Tuesday **April 18**

10:00 AM Bible Study at OceanView

Wednesday **April 19**

10:00 AM **Memorial Service for Charlotte Sinnett**

Saturday **April 21**

6:30 PM Coffee House featuring Connor Garvey

Sunday **April 23**

10:00 AM **Worship**

10:10 AM **Kids' Church**

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

11:30 AM Ministry of Education (Grant Room)

Trouble seeing the small print in the bulletin? Please ask an usher for a **LARGE print bulletin and hymns.**