



# Falmouth Congregational Church

## United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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*Serving Christ and Community since*

*1754 Third Parish Church;*

*1833 The Brick Church*

*The Reverend Michael H. Richards*

*Pastor and Teacher*

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10:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 7, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*Jesus is both our protector and our source for abundant life.  
In what ways do we facilitate or deny others access to God?*

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

**"Canon in D"**

J. Pachelbel/F. E. Brown

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bring us together, O God, as a shepherd gathers the flock.

**All: Your care for us is wholehearted.**

One: Sustain us, O God, in the testing situations of life.

**All: Your strength is our endurance.**

One: Keep us faithful, O God, when we feel most alone.

**All: Your friendship is expressed through Your people.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Your Easter gift surprises us, O Loving God.

**All: When we felt that death had the last word, Christ is among us.**

One: Your Easter gift delights us, O Loving God.

**All: When we put limits on our achievements and our happiness, Christ is not bound by them.**

One: Your Easter gift challenges us, O Loving God.

**All: When we would keep our faith to ourselves, Christ encourages us to venture out unafraid.**

One: Your Easter gift humbles us, O Loving God.

**All: When we glory in our work for You, Christ shows us His hands and side.**

One: The risen Christ is Your Easter gift, O Loving God;

**All: We join with all the saints. We give thanks and we rejoice! Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**"The Lord's My Shepherd"**

No. 78, vs. 1, 4, 5

\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER (sung in unison)

No. 307

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## THE WORD OF GOD

### New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

(NRSV p. 104; RSV p. 114<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

### Gospel Lesson

John 10:1-10

(NRSV p. 90; RSV p. 98<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## SERMON

“When Will Abundant Life Arrive?”

Pastor Michael

## \*HYMN

### “People Need the Lord”

1. Peo-ple need the Lord, peo-ple need the  
2. Peo-ple need the Lord, peo-ple need the  
Lord;  
Lord;  
at the end of bro - ken dreams,  
when will we re - al - ize  
1 he's the o - pen door.  
2 peo-ple need the Lord.

WORDS: Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh (John 4:35; 10:7)

PEOPLE NEED THE LORD

MUSIC: Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh

Irregular

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# WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen”

McNeil Robinson II

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

### The Invitation

### The Offertory

“*Breaking the Bread*”

Allen Pote

## \*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: Your voice, O God, is calling us to action:

All: **to speak out for the needy, to affirm the seekers, to comfort the distressed, to encourage the downhearted, to challenge the complacent.**

One: These gifts enable Your voice to be heard; bless them!

All: **Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*"Let Us Break Bread Together"*

No. 425

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*(Communion is offered by intinction.)*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

No. 434, vs. 1, 3, 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

*"The Rejoicing"*

G. F. Handel/E. Power Biggs

(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!*

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### Worship Participants

**Greeter:** Barry Hamilton

**Liturgist:** Barbara Fleming

**Ushers:** Larry Perry, Sue Perry, Tyler Henderson,

**Communion:** Mollie Mason, Anne Coleman, Barbara Fleming, Jo Blinick



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*The flowers this morning are given  
in honor and loving memory of our parents*

*Ejner and Ruth Andreassen and*

*Warren and Martha Hamilton*

*From Ginny and Barry Hamilton*

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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 go directly to Beinema Hall for Kids' Church today. **Visiting children are always welcome!** Children will come into church for Communion.

**MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY LIFE** – Will be meeting **Wednesday, May 10 at 1:30 PM** in the Grant Room. Light refreshments will be served. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.



The next **Coffee House** event will be on **Friday, May 12 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM**. Enjoy a beverage and listen to music from local artists. This month will feature *Eric McDonald and Will Woodson*. Invite your friends and neighbors to this family-friendly event!

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The annual **Spring Plant & Yard Sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 AM to noon**. We are accepting yard sale items now. Summer entertaining supplies, kid's outdoor games, bird feeders, vases, planters, garden tools and equipment are popular items at our May Sale. Please leave your items in the stairwell below the office entry. Plant donations - vegetables or flowers - please deliver week of sale.

Interested in volunteering a few hours? We need your help with set up Friday or sales on Saturday. Please contact Eunice Wilcox with your questions. Thank You!

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Let us raise our voices and make a beautiful sound! Join us on **Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 PM** for a **Community Hymn Sing**. Invite everyone you know and sing your favorite hymns. Refreshments following the program. All are welcome!

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**Let's celebrate! Myron Hager turns 100 years young** on Friday, May 26. To celebrate this momentous occasion, following worship on **Sunday, May 21**, we will have a cake in his honor. Please bring a birthday card with you for him. We would like to fill a basket full of good wishes. Questions? Please contact Barbara Graustein.

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The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in May:** Monday, May 15 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM; Tuesdays, May 9, 16 and 23 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and on Thursdays, May 11, 18 and 25 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



**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**

*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**

**Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14**

*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.*

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

**Sunday            May 7 ~ Communion**

**10:00 AM    Worship**

**10:00 AM    Kids' Church**

**11:15 AM    Coffee Fellowship**

**11:30 AM    Bible Study (Parlor)**

**Tuesday            May 9**

**10:00 AM    Bible Study (OceanView)**

**Wednesday        May 10**

**1:00 PM    Women's Spiritual Book Club (Maytha Southard's home)**

**1:30 PM    Ministry of Community Life (Grant Room)**

**6:30 PM    Pastoral Search Committee Presentation (Beinema Hall)**

**7:30 PM    Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday            May 11**

**1:30 PM    Prayer Shawl Ministry (Grant Room)**

**Friday                May 12**

**6:30 PM    Coffee House – Eric McDonald and Will Woodson**

**Sunday              May 14 ~ Mother's Day**

**9:00 AM    Choir Practice**

**10:00 AM    Worship**

**10:10 AM    Kids' Church**

**11:15 AM    Coffee Fellowship**

**11:30 AM    Council of Ministries (Grant Room)**

**Deadline for June *Congregator* submissions**