



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

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10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 2017

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*Sin is the tendency and the encouragement to prioritize other people and things over God.
It's not just the moral or ethical dimension of behavior that determines sin.*

We mustn't allow the more socially acceptable distractions from God to escape being defined as sin.

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

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Gordon Young

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hold us in Your prayerful gaze, O God, as we come to worship;

All: we are Your committed people, but we need Your inspiration.

One: Remind us of Your shadow over us, O God, as we come to worship;

All: You have gone with us in times past, but we need Your reassuring presence.

One: Enable us to sense Your love around us, O God, as we come to worship;

All: we are filled with thanksgiving, but there are testing times ahead.

One: Enliven us through Your Holy Spirit, O God, as we come to worship;

All: we are ready for action, but we need You to work within our faith community.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: God, whose beauty is revealed in a summer rose,

All: we praise Your creative perfection.

One: God, whose joy is revealed in the reunion of old friends,

All: we praise Your never-failing companionship.

One: God, whose concern is revealed in the tough struggles,

All: We adore Your essential peacefulness.

One: Be revealed in this time of worship, O God,

All: as our voices sing Your praise, as our minds are challenged by Your Word, and as our hearts respond to Your great love in Jesus, Your Anointed One. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

v 1, 3-4 No. 517

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER (sung in unison)

No. 307

SACREMENT OF BAPTISM

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

(NRSV p.18; RSV p.10 †)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

(NRSV p.19; RSV p.11 †)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"When We Worship God-Watch What Happens"

Pastor Michael

*HYMN

"Cares Chorus"

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

"Wayfaring Stranger"

Early 19th Century Spiritual

Bob Stakel- Soloist

*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, You have given to us beyond our wildest dreams, and we are called to a thankful response.

All: **Empower us, O God, to respond generously, wisely and compassionately, that our gifts combined with the gifts of others, may follow the pattern of Jesus Christ, and become a lovely blessing. Amen.**

* HYMN OF PREPERATION

Fill My Cup, Lord

No. 351

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

(Communion is offered by intinction.)

*CLOSING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

No. 585

*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

"High Cathedral"

Piping tune by Roever & Korb

(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: Don and Marion Olen
Liturgist: Jack Davis
Ushers: Larry and Sue Perry, John Boothby, Michel Kanyambo
Communion: Barbara Fleming and Jo Blinick



*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in Celebration of
the Baptism of Kaleb Barrett and Haley Barrett
Given with love by Papa and Grandma Caruso*

Many thanks to Bob Stakel for his gift of music to us today.



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 are invited to stay with their families for worship. Children's "busy bags" are located on the table outside of the Sanctuary. Please feel free to take one for use during worship and return the busy bags back to the table after worship.

COFFEE BY DESIGN

Would you like to support the growing music ministry of our church in a way that saves you money and tastes really good?

In case you were not aware of it, Falmouth Congregational Church UCC (FCC) is a wholesaler of wonderful, locally roasted fine coffee. Coffee By Design is a local coffee roaster and distributor that has been in Portland since 1994. Twenty three years after starting their business the owners continue to buy and roast premium coffees from around the world.

We became a wholesaler in 2015 and it has been their fine coffee that we serve every Sunday after worship and during the Coffee House as well as other events held at our church. We not only make the coffee fresh for each event but we also sell the coffee by the pound. Yes, that's right, 16 ounces! Unlike a great number of coffees that are sold in 12 ounce packets. If you don't have a grinder, we are happy to grind the beans to the type of coffee maker you have. And the big news is that you will be saving between three and four dollars per packet over the retail price! That's good news!

We are able to order a huge variety of coffee, from light, medium, and dark roasts to flavored and decaffeinated coffees. If we don't have it in stock, we can have it for you within a week. Great coffee, great prices and you are welcomed with a great smile! Check with the pastor or Matthew Strobel our sexton for ordering information.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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



**Bee O'Brien
Heidi Gage
Joseph Klenk
Phoebe Horne
Ralph McGehee**

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.

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The next **Coffee House** event will be on **Friday, July 14 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM**. The featured musicians are **Porch Light**. Comprised of musicians Matt Loosigian and Mariah Sewall, an acoustic duo from mid-coast Maine offering daring and delicious vocal harmonies on Americana and folk covers. Come enjoy a beverage and listen to great music. Invite your friends and neighbors to this family-friendly event!

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The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in July**: Monday, July 17 from 9-11 AM, Tuesdays July 11, 18 & 25 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM, and Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

Families from all economic backgrounds appreciate fresh vegetables! One of the most successful ways of obtaining fresh produce for clients who need to use food pantries is a program called "Plant-a-Row." In this program, local gardeners plant a bit more than they will personally need. The gardeners then contact their local food pantry to arrange to deliver their excess fruits and vegetables. The Falmouth Food Pantry welcomes the participation of local farmers/gardeners in "Plant-a-Row." Please consider sharing your produce with families in need. You may stop by the Falmouth Food Pantry (271 Falmouth Road, Falmouth) when it is open or contact Nancy Lightbody. Thank you!



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Mark 6:14-29



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

- Sunday July 9 - Communion**
- 10:00 AM Worship**
- 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship**
- Friday July 14**
- 6:30 PM Coffee House – Porch Light**
- Sunday July 16**
- 10:00 AM Worship**
- 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship**



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.

