



# Falmouth Congregational Church

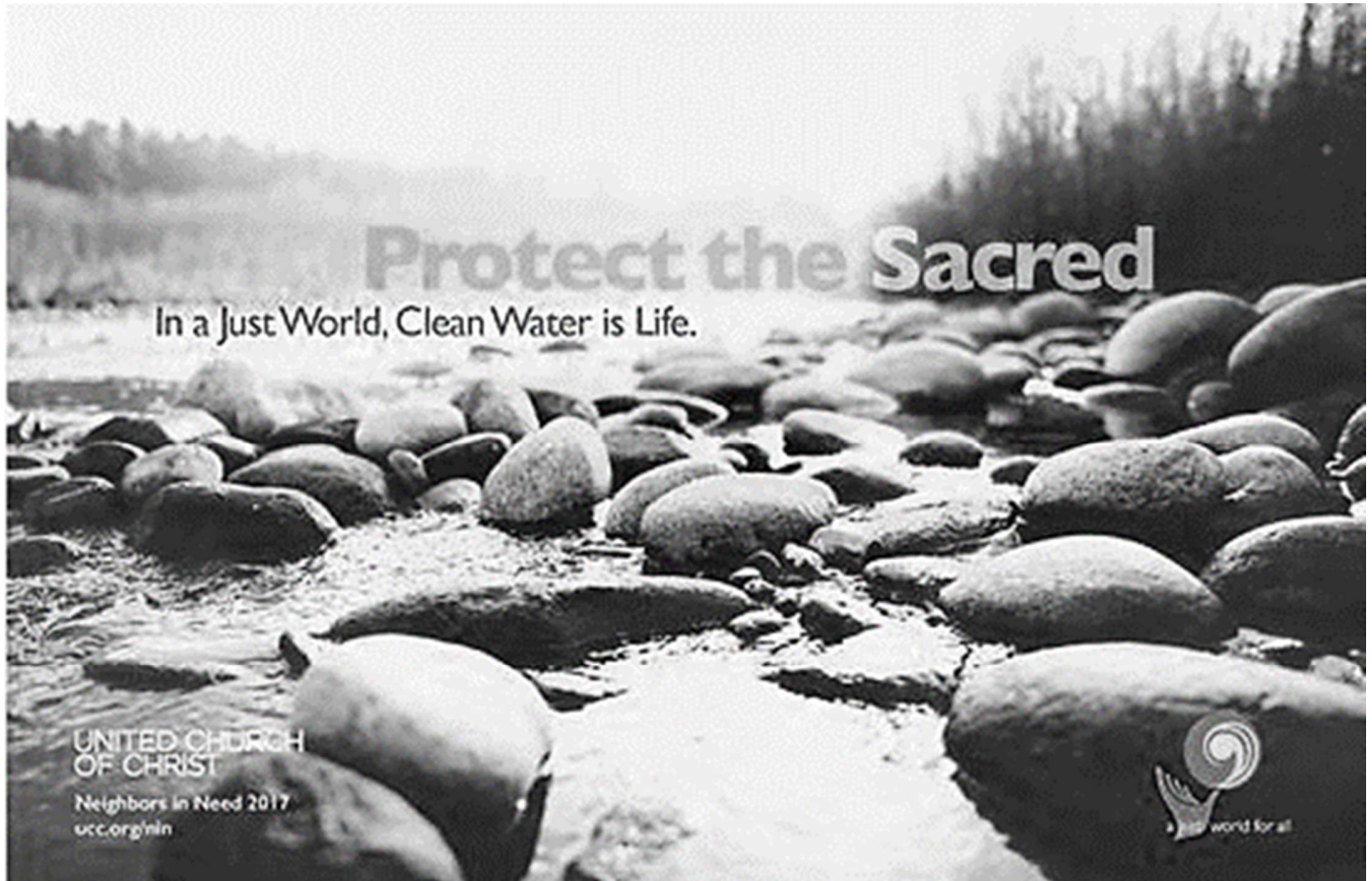
## United Church of Christ

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

FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
United Church of Christ  
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10:00 AM

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2017

WORLD COMMUNION

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*What kind of a Savior did we get? Grace is comforting when aimed at us and those like us.  
But what happens when grace includes those who offend or disturb us?*

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

**"O How He Loves You and Me"**

K. Kaiser/L. Smith

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to the water's edge!

**All: Love is gently flowing, it's God's wondrous stream;**

One: senses are on fire, touching thought and dream,

**All: love is gently flowing, joy is unrestrained,**

One: hearts are bursting, spirits thirsting,

**All: we and God are one, in the river of time.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: You are our friend, O God, and we rejoice.

**All: As a friend, You invite us into Your special place, and make us welcome.**

One: You are our friend, O God, and we are thankful.

**All: As a friend, You make us feel at home with Your other friends; You encourage fellowship.**

One: You are our friend, O God, and we celebrate.

**All: As a friend, You laugh and smile with us, and encourage us when we feel low.**

One: You are our friend, O God, and we praise You.

**All: As our Eternal Friend, Your grace overwhelms us and Your promises in time, and beyond time leave us breathless. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**"All My Hope on God Is Founded"**

No. 88

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

No. 307

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

(NRSV p. 59; RSV p. 62†)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

(NRSV p. 20; RSV p. 22†)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## SERMON

“Our Call to the Vineyard”

Pastor Michael

## \*HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

No. 393

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

George Whelpton

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

“In Remembrance”

Beryl Red

### \*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: You are the means, O God, through which our small offerings become powerful gifts.

All: **Bless those who receive, that they may know reassurance and healing, freedom and inspiration, friendship and renewed hope.**

One: May they return thanks to You.

All: **We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## KIDS' CHURCH SINGERS

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*(Communion is offered by intinction.)*

## \*CLOSING HYMN

“God Made from One Blood”

No. 500, vs. 1,3,5

## \*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 Lost Chord”

Sir Arthur Sullivan

(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:** Judy Nilsen  
**Liturgist:** Marilee Pillsbury  
**Ushers:** Anne Coleman, Rodney Coleman, John Boothby, Michel Kanyambo  
**Communion:** Jim Parr, Virginia Eddy, Larry Perry



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*The flowers that grace the altar this morning are  
in celebration of Courtney Mazur's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday  
and recent engagement to be married.  
With love from Mom, Dad and Kirsten.*

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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.

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

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**Calling all singers!** Singers are invited to participate in the choir. For more information, please contact Doris Krueger at [dnkrueger@gmail.com](mailto:dnkrueger@gmail.com).

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The Ministry of Community Life reports that the **freezer chest in the kitchen will be disconnected today** in preparation for replacement. **Any items not removed following worship will be discarded.**

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**Today is our Neighbors-in-Need Sunday.** Donations received in the pew envelopes will be forwarded to this specific mission. Please consider making a contribution to this far-reaching ministry of the UCC.

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The **Women's Spiritual Book Group** gathering will be starting up again on **Wednesday, October 11 at 1:30 PM** at Mollie Mason's home. The current selection is "*Miracles on My Watch*," by Bianca Podesta. Join us! Please contact Molly Mason or Cathy Bowden for more information.

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The next coffee house event will be on **Friday, October 13 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM**. The featured musicians are *Putnam Smith and Ashley Storrow*. Talented and accomplished folk musicians on their own, hearing Putnam and Ashley perform together is a real treat. If you like folk music, you won't want to miss this act. Come enjoy a beverage and listen to great music. Invite your friends and neighbors to this family-friendly event!

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The first Sunday of each month Pastor Michael and a member of the Ministry of Worship and Covenant take **Communion to home-bound persons**. Should you know of someone who would like communion in their home please contact Pam Carroll or Pastor Michael.

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A special fundraising event will be held here on **Sunday, October 15 from 2 PM to 4 PM**. Proceeds will benefit **Warrior Songs**, and organization dedicated to bring hope and healing to war veterans through music and the creative arts. Featured musicians include Annie Clark and The Saccharappa Boys and "Friends." For more information regarding the Warrior Songs organization please go to this website: [www.warriorsongs.org](http://www.warriorsongs.org).



*The flowers that grace the Chancel this morning  
are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of  
Pastor Michael's birthday tomorrow.*

On **Thursday, October 19**, Falmouth's churches will host their **10th annual Harvest Community Supper**, which has become popular as a community get-together and a way to support the Falmouth Food Pantry. The roast turkey supper with all the fixings will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 PM in Beinema Hall. If you are interested in helping out and working together with others in our community on a worthwhile project, please sign up for one of the many opportunities on the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Nancy Lightbody at 781-4670 if you have any questions. Thank you for your willingness to help those in need in our community this winter and we look forward to having you join us for an evening of good food and fellowship!

Please consider bringing a canned good or other **non-perishable item** for the Falmouth Food Pantry in preparation for the **Soup Can Brigade** that will take place after worship on **Sunday, October 29**. The children (and anyone else!) will form a line and pass the food from one person to the next all the way from the church to the Food Pantry on the other side of the Town Hall. Please place your food donations in front of the altar. Thank you!

The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in October**: Mondays, October 2 and 23 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, October 10, 24 and 31 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM, and Thursday, October 12 and 26 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM. Your garden produce is always welcome and appreciated by the food pantry clients.



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

**Robbie Coleman**  
**Heidi Gage**  
**Charlie Grubb**

**Maureen Grubb**  
**Joyce Harmon**  
**Bee O'Brien**

**Bob Taylor**  
**George Sanborn**  
**Jo Blinick**



*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.*

*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.*



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**  
**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46**



**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday**  
**Church Phone: 207.781.3413**  
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### **This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday                    October 1 ~ World Communion Sunday ~ Neighbors In Need**

**10:00 AM            Worship**

**10:00 AM            Kids' Church**

**11:15 AM            Coffee Fellowship**

**11:30 AM            Bible Study (Parlor)**

**Monday                    October 2**

**7:00 PM            Ministry of Worship & Covenant (Grant Room)**

**Tuesday                    October 3**

**10:00 AM            Bible Study - OceanView**

**Wednesday                October 4**

**7:30 PM            Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday                    October 5**

**6:30 PM            Ministry of Missions (Grant Room)**

**7:00 PM            Ministry of Facilities**

**Sunday                    October 8**

**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)**