



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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

COMMUNION

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Jesus reprimanded the religious leaders of His day for reveling in the symbols of status and the trappings of their office. He reminds us that true greatness is found in service.

"The more you put on externally, that is, the more trappings of priestly or episcopal offices, the more you are called to take off internally through a greater intimacy with Christ."

~ Frank Griswold

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

Variation on "Cwm Rhondda"

Raymond H. Haan

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May Your Spirit fill our fellowship, Loving God,

All: and give us minds ready to appreciate your word.

One: May Your Spirit fill our fellowship, Compassionate God,

All: and give us hearts responsive to the distressed.

One: May Your Spirit fill our fellowship, Just God,

All: and give us a willingness to stand with the powerless.

One: May Your Spirit fill our fellowship, Awe-inspiring God,

All: and keep us open and receptive to Your leading.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Good News touches us as we worship this morning;

All: the limits we place on ourselves are gone.

One: Good News enlivens us as we worship this morning;

All: the limits we have placed on our faith community are broken.

One: Good News liberates us as we worship this morning;

All: the limits we have placed on our troubled world, to know harmony, are shattered.

One: Good News enfolds us as we worship this morning;

All: for in Jesus Christ, You have spoken and acted, O God, and the limits are swept away. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 622

***OUR LORD’S PRAYER** (sung in unison) No. 307

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Laurie Davis

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 3:7-17 (NRSV p. 181; RSV p. 191[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSV p. 22; RSV p. 24[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Traveling Light" Pastor Michael

***HYMN** "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant" No. 490, vs. 1,3,4

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

REMEMBRANCE Reading of Names with Candles and Chimes

Dorothy Caswell
March 18, 2016

Peggy L. Keach
January 4, 2017

Clarence Libby
April 22, 2017

Elizabeth M. Cole
November 18, 2016

Jonathan G. Moore
January 19, 2017

Harriet A. Bowden
April 25, 2017

Thelma H. Chamberlain
November 22, 2016

Madelyn Buck
January 22, 2017

Paul V. Varga
May 15, 2017

Doreen Piper
November 28, 2016

David W. Harmon
February 25, 2017

Nora Lee Van Dusen
August 23, 2017

Clara G. Tarling
December 24, 2016

Timothy J. Barton
February 26, 2017

Heidi L. Gage
October 19, 2017

Ralph E. Miele
January 2, 2017

Charlotte M. Sinnett
April 10, 2017

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "People Need the Lord" Greg Nelson/Phill McHugh

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory "O, God, We Kneel Before Your Throne" Roy Hopp

*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: There is nothing ordinary about these gifts!

All: Through understanding, these gifts will banish fear; through a comforting presence, these gifts will banish sadness; through mission beyond this community, these gifts will touch persons needy but unknown; through Your Spirit, O God, these gifts will bring light to the dark places. There is nothing ordinary about these gifts! Amen.

*KIDS' CHURCH SINGERS

"Pharaoh Pharaoh"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

(Communion is offered by intinction.)

*CLOSING HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

No. 602, vs. 1,3

*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

"For All the Saints"

Ralph Vaughan William/
Carolyn Hamlin

(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: Carol Dow

Liturgist: Mark Horton

Ushers: Jack Davis, Jim Parr, Dolores Vail, Ted Vail

Communion: Pam Carroll, Anne Coleman, Mollie Mason, Larry Perry



*The flowers that grace the chancel this morning are given
In memory of Timothy Barton and John Barton
From Stephen, Kim, Aiden and Ethan Hendry*

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!** 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.

Pastor Michael has started his regular **Bible Study** the **first** and **third Sundays** of the month following worship in the Parlor. He will continue exploring the book of Acts. Visitors, members, and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The next coffee house event will be this **Friday, November 10 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM**. The featured musicians are singer/songwriter/rhythm guitarist Ronda Dale and singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Rob Babson who will perform original songs and eclectic covers with blues, country, R&B and jazz influences. You won't want to miss these two perform. Come enjoy a beverage and listen to great music. Invite your friends and neighbors to this family-friendly event!

We have a **unique volunteer opportunity** for you! If you enjoy the coffee drinks that Matthew or Pastor Michael create on the coffee machine in Fellowship Hall, would you like to learn how? Want to know an espresso from a latte? Free training! Talk with Pastor Michael or Matthew Strobel if interested.

It's fall clean up time! Please bring your garden gloves, rakes and other yard tools this **Saturday, November 11 from 9 AM to noon**. We'll get the grounds ready for their winter coat of snow.

A **wreath decorating workshop** will be held next **Sunday, November 12 from 2 to 4 PM** in Beinema Hall. Join us for fun and fellowship decorate wreaths to be sold at the Holly Days Fair. We supply everything, you bring willing hands and wire cutters if you have them. See you there!

The **Falmouth Food Pantry** will be open on the following days in November: Mondays, November 6 and 20 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, November 14, 21 and 28 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM, and Thursday, November 9 and 16 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM. **The food pantry especially needs the following items:** canned soup, toilet paper (don't need to be individually wrapped), and cold cereal. Thank you.



HOLLY DAYS FAIR REQUESTS

Please check the lists and sign up to help where your interests lie.

*Next **Sunday, November 12, please plan on remaining after worship to help set up for the fair.** This is truly a time when many hands are needed.*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Robbie Coleman

The Gage Family

Charlie Grubb

Maureen Grubb

Joyce Harmon

Bee O'Brien



Bob Taylor

Phoebe Horne

Maytha Southard

Judy Nilsen

Jeaneen Coleman



Church Office Hours

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

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This Week's Schedule

- Sunday November 5 ~ Remembrance Sunday**
- 10:00 AM** Worship
 - 10:10 AM** Kids' Church
 - 11:15 AM** Coffee Fellowship
 - 11:30 AM** Bible Study (Parlor)
- Monday November 6**
- 7:00 PM** Ministry of Worship & Covenant (Grant Room)
- Tuesday November 7 ~ Election Day**
- 10:00 AM** Bible Study - OceanView
- Wednesday November 8**
- 1:30 PM** Women's Spiritual Book Club (Anne Coleman's home)
 - 7:30 PM** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday November 9**
- 1:30 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Grant Room)
- Friday November 10**
- 6:30 PM** Side Door Coffee House – *Ronda Dale & Rob Babson*
- Saturday November 11 ~ Veteran's Day**
- 9:00 AM** Fall Clean Up
- Sunday November 12**
- 9:00 AM** Choir Practice
 - 10:00 AM** Worship
 - 11:15 AM** Coffee Fellowship
 - 11:30 AM** **ALL HANDS NEEDED** - Set up for Holly Days Fair
 - 11:30 AM** Council of Ministries (Grant Room)
 - 2:00 PM** Wreath Workshop (Beinema Hall)
- Deadline for December *Congregator* submissions**