



**Falmouth Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
An Open and Affirming Congregation  
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1754 Third Parish Church;  
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Michael H. Richards  
Pastor and Teacher

FALMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
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10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
COMMUNION

APRIL 8, 2018

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*The never-failing presence of the risen Christ with us is the Gospel. Through the resurrection of Jesus, God assures us that we need never be alone.*

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

*"Song of Joy"*

Robert J. Hughes

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the courage of Mary Magdalene.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the honesty of Thomas the apostle.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the joy of the gathered disciples.**

One: Strengthen our faith at this resurrection time, O God;

**All: give us the active spirit of the Risen Christ. Christ be praised. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: The Risen Christ will transform us!

**All: Christ will transform our earthbound worship into an act of glorious praise.**

One: The Risen Christ will transform us!

**All: Christ will transform our hesitant community into an active, enthusiastic group of friends.**

One: The Risen Christ will transform us!

**All: Christ will transform our fear of the unknown into a ready spirit of adventure.**

One: The Risen Christ will transform us!

**All: Christ will transform our self-serving into service of those around us, and of those whose crying needs are brought home to us. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"He Lives"*

No. 226

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

No. 307

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Acts 4:32-35

(NRSV p. 106; RSV p. 116<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31

(NRSV p. 101; RSV p. 110<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

*"Not the Only Doubter"*

Pastor Michael

\*HYMN

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

(See next to last page)

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

*"He's Alive"*

Don Francis

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: Living God, accept these gifts, and the reasons we give them:

All: to bring purpose where there is hesitancy, to bring courage where there is struggle, to bring comfort where there is loss and bereavement, to bring assurance where there is self-doubt, to bring justice where there is oppression.

One: These are the gifts of new life!

All: 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

*"Come Down, O Love Divine"*

No. 582

\*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**

*“Thine Is the Glory”*

**G.F. Handel/Lani Smith**

(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.



**Worship Participants**

**Greeters:** Marion Olen, Don Olen

**Liturgist:** Judy Currier

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

**Communion:** Larry Perry, Pam Carroll, Mollie Mason



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 to sing prior to Communion.

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 Pastor Michael.

The next **Women’s Spiritual Book Group** gathering will be this **Wednesday, April 11 at 1 PM** at Eunice Wilcox’s home. The current selection is, *“Falling Upward”* by Richard Rohr. Join us! Please contact Molly Mason or Cathy Bowden for more information.

The **Ministry of Community Life** will be meeting this **Wednesday, April 11 at 2 PM** in the Grant Room. Refreshments will be provided, and newcomers are always welcome!

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Do you enjoy the company of other like-minded people? Please plan on joining the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** this **Thursday, April 12 at 1:30 PM** in the Grant Room. The more the merrier -- all are welcome! Please contact Judy Nilsen for more information.

The next **Coffee House** event will be this **Friday, April 13 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM**. Enjoy a beverage and listen to music from local artists. This month features *Carolyn Currie*. Invite your friends and neighbors to this family-friendly event!

We appreciate your recycled bottle/can donations. Please take a green **CLYNK** bag home today and fill it...not only does it help the church, it helps to keep our environment green. CLYNK bags may be found on the small table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

The **Ministry of Facilities** cares for our buildings and grounds and is asking you to leave ideas in the ‘wooden house’ box in Fellowship Hall. How can we improve our appearance? Did you notice something needing repair? Do you have I/T (computer) or homeowner skills you can volunteer? Please let us know.

If there are any **graduates** this spring who would like to be recognized by the church for their hard work, please contact the church office at 781-3413 or fccdesk@maine.rr.com. Let us know the

graduate's future plans, whether it is to attend college (and where), go on to a technical school, or pursue a job opportunity. This information is needed by May 14 in order to be published in the June *Congregator*.

The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in April:** Monday, April 16 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, April 10, 17 and 24 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, April 12, 19 and 26 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.

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



**Robbie Coleman  
Charlie Grubb  
Maureen Grubb  
Bee O'Brien  
Maytha Southard  
Laurie & Roger Marin  
Kerry Golding**

**Barry Hamilton  
George Sanborn  
Hazel McLeod (Scott and Barbara McLeod's  
baby granddaughter)  
Kimmerly E. Maxfield-Fearon Family and  
Falmouth Police Dept.**

*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.*



*Special thanks to Bob Stakel for sharing his musical gifts with us today.*



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**Next Sunday's Lectionary**  
Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

## This Week's Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 8 ~ Communion</b>
10:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Kids' Church
11:15 AM	Coffee Fellowship
11:30 AM	Council of Ministries (Grant Room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
10:00 AM	Bible Study - OceanView
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 11</b>
1:00 PM	Women's Spiritual Book Club (Eunice Wilcox's home)
2:00 PM	Ministry of Community Life (Grant Room)
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 12</b>
1:30 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry (Grant Room)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 13</b>
6:30 PM	Coffee House – <i>Carolyn Currie</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 15 *Deadline for May Congregator submissions</b>
9:00 AM	Choir Practice
10:00 AM	Worship
10:10 AM	Kids' Church
11:15 AM	Coffee Fellowship

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#### Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high;

Lord, I love to sing your prais - es.

I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav - en to earth \_ to show the way, \_

\_ from the earth \_ to the cross \_ my debt to pay; \_

\_ from the cross to the grave, \_ from the grave to the sky; \_

\_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

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LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

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