

# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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*Preparing for mission means putting our house in order. "Order and simplification are the first steps toward the mastery of a subject – the actual enemy is the unknown."*

– Thomas Mann, *The Magic Mountain*



Serving Christ and Community since  
1754 Third Parish Church;  
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Michael H. Richards  
Pastor and Teacher



## 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

"Menuet gothique" from Suite Gothique

L. Boellmann

### BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

**All: to be with our faithful friends in our church home.**

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

**All: to share in the singing and to listen to Your Word.**

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

**All: to find inspiration for our daily living and purpose in our service of others.**

One: We are happy to be here, O God,

**All: to remember Your faithfulness in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for us.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

No. 484, vs. 1,2,4

#### \*OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Testify! Tell the world what God has done!

**All: God has created our world and has given us lakes and mountains, stars and wonder as we look up at the night sky.**

One: Testify, for God has given us more!

**All: God has given each of us life and breath, and has put us in families and among friends.**

One: Testify, for God has been faithful!

**All: God has given us the ancient leaders and the prophets, has spoken through the scriptures, and has formed the faith community.**

One: Testify, for God has held nothing back!

**All: God has sent Jesus Christ for us and for all people. In Christ's birth, God's care was made clear; in His baptism, God's vocation was revealed; and in His death on the cross, we understand just how far God will go.**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In a world where many are dedicated to attaining power over others,

**All: we dedicate ourselves to peace and to the support of the downtrodden.**

One: In a friendship circle where many experience relationships on a superficial level,

**All: we dedicate ourselves to listening carefully and to going the extra mile.**

One: In our families where it is difficult to keep priorities straight in a fast moving world,

**All: we dedicate ourselves to taking time for each family member and to enjoying the moment with them.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: To get our feelings sorted out, to get our relationships in harmony and our actions right, we need to rededicate ourselves to You, O God.

**All: Through our prayers, through the inspiration of scripture, and through the guidance of Your saints of today, we will become Your renewed and faithful people.**

One: And God will bless your endeavors and grant you peace.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### THE WORD OF GOD

**New Testament Lesson**

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

**(NRSV p. 103; RSV p. 112<sup>†</sup>)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Proverbs 31:10-25**

**(NRSV p. 576; RSV p. 585<sup>†</sup>)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

**"Our Joyous Hope"**

**Pastor Michael**

**\*HYMN**

**"When Love Is Found"**

**No. 499, vs. 1-3**

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

**"Amen"**

**Dresden**

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

**The Invitation**

**The Offertory**

**"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"**

**arr. Craig Carnahan**

**\*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, creative and caring, just and giving, receive the gifts we bring;

**All: to create, to care, to free, to promote justice, and to share Your goodness with the world. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"**

**No. 75**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*HYMN**

**"Go in Peace"**

**No. 445**

***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**

**“Rigaudon”**

**Andre Campra**

(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.



*The flowers that grace the altar this morning  
are given in loving memory of my husband,  
Harold W. Kauffman, and dedicated to all mothers.  
From Carol Kauffman*

*(Please take a flower as you leave today in honor or remembrance of our beloved mothers.)*

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**Worship Participants**

**Greeter:** Lorraine Bergen

**Liturgist:** Marilee Pillsbury

**Ushers:** Anne Coleman, Rodney Coleman, Judy Nilsen, Lorraine Bergen

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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 be dismissed for Kids' Church following "A Time for the Children." **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.

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](mailto: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 **tomorrow, May 14** to be published in the June *Congregator*.

The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in May:** Monday, May 21 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, May 15 and 22 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, May 17 and 24 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 25b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**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**

**George Sanborn  
Hazel McLeod (Scott and Barbara  
McLeod's baby granddaughter)  
Barry Hamilton  
Ryan Barton  
Don Worthen**

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to Diana, Arthur and Florence Wescott; and other family members of James Wescott. James passed into his eternal rest last week.*

*Our deepest sympathy is also extended to the family members of Janet McGuire. Janet passed into her eternal rest two weeks ago.*

*"In life and in death we hold fast to the promises of the Gospel."*

*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.*



**Church Office Hours**

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

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## **This Week's Schedule**

- Sunday**                    **May 13 ~ Mother's Day**
- 10:00 AM**            **Worship**
- 10:10 AM**            **Kids' Church**
- 11:15 AM**            Coffee Fellowship
- Deadline for June *Congregator* submissions**
- Tuesday**                    **May 15**
- 10:00 AM**            Bible Study (OceanView)
- Wednesday**                **May 16**
- 7:30 PM**            Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday**                    **May 20 ~ Pentecost Sunday**
- 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)