

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



An Open and Affirming Congregation

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God's Pentecost Spirit breaks down barriers to communication and community. If Pentecost broke out in our congregation this morning, what barriers to communication and community might God's Spirit batter down?



Serving Christ and Community since

1754 Third Parish Church;

1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Michael H. Richards

Pastor and Teacher



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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**"Air"****George F. Handel****BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Holy Spirit, come amongst us!

All: Inspire our worship, strengthen our faith.

One: Holy Spirit, stay with us!

All: Deepen our fellowship, support our sharing.

One: Holy Spirit, challenge our discipleship!

All: Encourage us to venture out, give us the compassion of Jesus.

One: Holy Spirit, work through us!

All: Touch the downhearted with hope, move the dispirited with Love.

HYMN OF PRAISE**"Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"*****No. 236*****OUR LORD'S PRAYER (sung in unison)****No. 307****A TIME FOR THE CHILDREN****PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Soaring, flowing, questing, dancing,

All: the Holy Spirit leads us to praise.

One: Searching, finding, changing, challenging,

All: the Holy Spirit calls us to faithfulness.

One: Gently, calmly, simply, persistently,

All: the Holy Spirit invites us to reflection.

One: With perseverance, with encouragement, with joy, with urgency,

All: the Holy Spirit moves us to action. Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us, now and always! Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: "A sound like the rush of a violent wind..."

All: Do we doubt the power of God's Spirit to move us and our faith community for good?

One: "Divided tongues as of fire..."

All: Could the power of God's Spirit set us on fire with enthusiasm for worship and for work, in our church and in our neighborhood?

One: "And how is it that we hear...in our own native language..."

All: Have we realized that the Word of God has universal truth, universal potential to empower the rejected and downtrodden?

One: Peter quotes the prophet Joel: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh..."

All: Are there no limits to the loving influence of God? Is it possible that saint and sinner, rich and poor, can all be touched and changed by God?

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: Living God, Your Spirit will radically change us.

All: Into our apathy, Your Spirit breathes enthusiasm; within our uncertainty, Your Spirit forms faith; into our hardness of heart, Your Spirit breathes compassion.

One: Know the peaceful power of the Spirit around you, the pardoning power of the Spirit for you, the graceful power of the Spirit setting you free.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson

John 15:26-27

(NRSV p. 96; RSV p. 105[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

(NRSV p. 103; RSV p. 112[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Mission Happening Here!"

Pastor Michael

*HYMN

"*Spirit of the Living God*"

No. 259

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen"

Danish

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

“Wind of the Spirit”

Deborah Govenor

*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 good-ness with the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Spirit”

No. 249

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

*HYMN

“Go in Peace”

No. 445

POSTLUDE

“Pomp and Circumstance”

Edward Elgar

(During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.)

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in **bold**, words may be spoken together in unison.

(*) Please rise in body or spirit.

† 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.

Worship Participants

Greeter: Virginia Eddy

Liturgist: Judy Currier

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

Please let the church office know if someone in need of prayers is missing from this list. After four weeks of being listed, if additional prayers are still needed, please let us know so we can continue to pray. Thank you.

Please Remember the Following People in your Thoughts & Prayers

**Robbie Coleman
Charlie Grubb
Maureen Grubb
Bee O'Brien**

**Laurie & Roger Marin
Kerry Golding
George Sanborn
Barry Hamilton
Ryan Barton**

**Hazel McLeod (Scott
and Barbara McLeod's
baby granddaughter)
Maytha Southard**



Next Sunday's Lectionary
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; **John 10:11-18**



The flowers this morning are given

To the Glory of God

And in loving memory of Paul Varga

From Joanne Varga



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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

*We are all wishing you much success as
you pursue your dreams and goals!*

HIGH SCHOOL

Joshua C. Allen - son of Christeen and Chris Allen

On June 3rd, Joshua graduates from Falmouth High School. He is excited for the next stage of life but will miss his friends and playing football and hockey. Next year, he plans to attend Southern Maine Community College to study Business Management and Equipment Operations and Maintenance.

COLLEGE

Spring Pillsbury - daughter of Marilee and Dan Pillsbury

Spring graduated from Clark University in May with a Master's degree in Environmental Science and Policy. She is excited to put her education to work and plans to work this summer for an organic farm in Groton, MA.

Greg Sinnett - son of Kathie and Chan Sinnett

Greg received his Ph.D in Physical Oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography and is pursuing his Post Doctorate at UC, Irvine. Greg, Marilyne and Maia (age 3) now live in San Diego, CA.

James Henderson - son of Kathleen and Bill Henderson

Graduated from nursing school.

Ashley Collins - daughter of Terri and Dana Collins

Ashley graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She looks forward to finding a full-time job and seeing what the future will bring.