



# 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



**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****"The Lord of the Dance"****Anonymous**

Virginia Eddy and Jessica Collins

**BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Gracious God, Creator of the universe, source and giver of love,

**All: we worship You.**

One: Jesus Christ, Chosen One of God, defeater of evil, founder of faith community,

**All: we are Your disciples.**

One Holy Spirit, Inspiration to the world, influence for good, hope for the future,

**All: we will work with You.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE****"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"****No. 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: Come to us quietly, gently, O God.

**All: Enable us to hear Your still small voice as we pray.**

One: Come to us in all the wonder and diversity of creation, O God.

**All: Enable us to respond with heartfelt praise and thanksgiving.**

One: Come to us in the person of Jesus and his saints of the ages, O God.

**All: Enable us to follow with faith and responsibility.**

One: Come to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, O God.

**All: Enable us to bring light to the dark places. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION****PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: We have heard the word from God to the prophet Isaiah: "Who shall I send and who shall go for us?"

**All: Some say, "We are feeling the weight of our years." Others say, "We haven't the necessary experience." But the reply comes, "Here am I, send me!"**

One: "Who shall I send and who shall go for us?"

**All: Some say, "We are not team players." Others say, "We have so much to learn about the faith." But the reply comes, "Here am I, send me!"**

One: "Who shall I send and who shall go for us?"

**All: Some say, "We cannot take on the fear making powers of the world." Others say, "The influence of evil is all pervasive." But the reply comes, "Here am I, send me!"**

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS**

One: In spite of your hesitations and doubts,

**All: in spite of our evasions and feelings of weakness,**

One: you have heard the call from God.

**All: We have heard the call and we know there is work to be done.**

One: There is work to be done among your family and friends, there is support to be given among the disadvantaged and powerless.

**All: We will reply, with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me!"**

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **Old Testament Lesson**

Isaiah 6:1-8

(NRSV p. 595; RSV p. 604<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### **New Testament Lesson**

Romans 8:12-17

(NRSV p. 138; RSV p. 148<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### **SERMON**

**"A Glory That Cannot Be Taken Away"**

**Pastor Michael**

### **\*HYMN**

**"He Came Down"**

**Insert**

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **PRAYER RESPONSE**

**"Amen"**

**McNeil Robinson II**

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

#### **The Invitation**

### **The Offertory**

**"Ride On, King Jesus"**

**Spiritual/Alice Parker**

### **Robert Shaw**

#### **\*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: John writes, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

**All: Our gifts pale in comparison with that Gift among gifts.**

One: Accept our offerings, loving God, that as followers of Your Anointed One, we may change our faith community and our small corner of the world, in the way and in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

**All: We will take up this glorious challenge! O God, bless our endeavors. Amen.**

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

**"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"**

**No. 592**

**\*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**

**“Grand Chorus”**

**George F. Handel**

**Worship Participants**

**Greeter:** Judy Nilsen

**Liturgist:** Nancy Lightbody

**Ushers:** Pam Carroll, Judy Currier, John Boothby

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.

Family Promise will be here for a week beginning, Sunday May 27 through June 3. Thank you to all of those who volunteer in support of this worthwhile community outreach program and helping families in need.

GreenSun Solar Energy will be here to discuss solar energy options for the Church on Sunday, June 3 at 11:30 AM. All are welcome.

A **Holly Days Fair kick-off planning meeting** will be held **June 10 following worship** in Beinema Hall. All are welcome to join Kathie Sinnott, Sarah Davis and Cathy Bowden, this year's fair facilitators, to share ideas, old and new, and launch plans for the fair to be held November 17. The Holly Days Fair provides opportunities big and small to celebrate our church community, welcome the larger community and begin the Christmas season in fellowship and fun. Hope you will consider joining in!

The next **Coffee House** event will be **Friday, June 8 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM**. Enjoy a beverage and listen to music from local artists. This month features *Married with Chitlins*. Invite your friends and neighbors to this family-friendly event!

Bach Virtuosi Concert will be here on June 23 7:30 PM. Admission will not be charged, instead they are requesting donations of non-perishable goods to benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry. Monetary donations should be made payable to the Church, with a notation of "Falmouth Food Pantry" in the memo.

Bach Virtuosi musicians are in need of housing assistance for the week for three or four musicians. If you are able to house a musician or would like more information, please contact Vicki Miele.

The **Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in June:** Mondays, June 4 and 11 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, June 12, 19 and 26 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, June 14, 21 and 28 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; **Mark 2:23-3:6**

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

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

**Maytha Southard  
Laurie & Roger Marin  
Ron Bienema**

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ginny Hamilton, Rob Andreasen; and other family members of Barry Hamilton. Barry passed into his eternal rest this past week.*

*"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 27**  
    **10:00 AM**    **Worship**  
    **10:10 AM**    **Kids' Church**  
        **11:15 AM** Coffee Fellowship  
    **5:00 PM**     Family Promise Arrives

**Monday**            **May 28**  
                         Memorial Day – Office Closed

**Tuesday**           **May 29**  
    **10:00 AM**    Bible Study (OceanView)

**Wednesday**       **May 30**  
    **7:30 PM**     Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday**            **June 3 ~ Communion**  
    **9:00 AM**     Choir Practice  
    **10:00 AM**    **Worship**  
    **10:00 AM**    **Kids' Church**  
    **11:15 AM**    Coffee Fellowship