



# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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*Decide... What is better?*

*A quiet, orderly, sterile sabbath where everyone stays in line, nothing unexpected happens, and everyone is able to leave safe, sound, and untouched by mission – or a loud, exuberant worship of the most high God, where anything could happen, including changed lives and commissioned slaves of the Lord.*

*Decide... Which is better?*



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

*"Organ Hymn"*

Raymond Haan

#### BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thank You! Everything in us says, "Thank You!"

**All: we worship facing Your holy temple and say it again, "Thank You!"**

One: Thank you for Your love,

**All: thank You for Your faithfulness**

One: The moment I called out, You stepped in,

**All: You made my life large with strength. Finish what You started in me, O Lord.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

No. 595

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

No. 307

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: God of the pious, God of the impertinent,

**All: God of the foolish, God of the wise,**

One: God of the desperate, God of the arrogant,

**All: God of the humble, God of the shy,**

One: God of the bold, God of the lonely, lost, and mourning,

**All: God of the joyous, stable and persistent.**

**We are here now, be here with us, be here in us, be here among us, be here where we are.**

**Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### Gospel Lesson

Mark 2:23-3:6

(NRSV p. 32; RSV p. 35<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

##### Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 25:4-15a

(NRSV p. 465; RSV p. 485<sup>†</sup>)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

#### SERMON

**"Being a Christian in a Secular World"**

The Rev. Sharon K. Weber

#### \*HYMN

*"Softly and Tenderly"*

No. 340

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRAYER RESPONSE

*“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

George Whelpton

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

*“Peace Like A River”*

Spiritual/Donald Moore

\*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: We bring to You, O God, all of our resources.

**All: We offer to you our lives; our dollars; our love; our loyalty, and our talents.**

One: We offer You our devotion and our time.

**All: May all our gifts be of service in the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ through the church. Amen.**

### HYMN

*“One Bread, One Body”*

No. 393

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

*(Communion is offered by intinction.)*

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*“Here I Am Lord”*

No. 452

### \*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

*“Procession in G”*

George Frederic Handel

(\*) 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:** Edie Boothby, John Boothby

**Liturgist:** Laurie Davis

**Ushers:** Kim Hendry, Jack Davis, Rodney Coleman, Anne Coleman

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



### Next Sunday's Lectionary

1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; **Mark 3:20-35**

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.

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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.

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**Thank you** to all the **volunteers** who helped support our **Family Promise** guests this past week! Your contributions of food, companionship and behind-the-scenes support helped made this valuable community outreach program a success.

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**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.

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The **Women's Spiritual Book Group** will meet **June 6 at Noon** in the home of Mollie Mason to discuss "**The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For?**" by Rick Warren. Join us for insightful conversation and lots of laughter as we explore themes of spiritual living. Contact Mollie for details and directions.

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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!

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A **Holly Days Fair kick-off planning meeting** will be held **June 10 following worship** in Beinema Hall. All are welcome to join this year's fair facilitators Kathie Sinnett, Sarah Davis and Cathy Bowden to share ideas, old and new, and launch plans for this year's 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!

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FCC will host the **Bach Virtuosi Music Festival** on **June 23 at 7:30PM** featuring founder Lewis Kaplan and Yibin Li performing "Two Violin Concerto". Admission is free. Instead, donations of non-perishable goods will be collected to benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry. Monetary donations can also be made payable to FCC UCC with the notation "Falmouth Food Pantry" in the memo. Thank you.

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**Bach Virtuosi musicians are in need of housing** from June 17 to June 24 If you can help or for more information, please contact Vicki Miele.

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**SUMMER THEATRE FUN**, a theatre camp for children (K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) offers theatre arts training for young performers, including singing dancing, game play playing, skits and improv from **Monday, June 25th to Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** at Falmouth Congregational Church UCC. Registration forms are available in the Falmouth school offices or by contacting Dede Waite, Theater Camp Director, at [dedewaite@gmail.com](mailto:dedewaite@gmail.com).

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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.

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**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 Beinema**

**Kerry Golding  
George Sanborn  
Hazel McLeod (Scott and Barbara McLeod's  
baby granddaughter)  
Ryan Barton  
Gini Hamilton**

*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*



## Church Office Hours

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

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## This Week's Schedule

- Sunday June 3 ~ Communion**
- 10:00 AM Worship**
  - 10:00 AM Kids' Church**
  - 11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship**
  - 4:00 PM Youth Group Scavenger Hunt**
- Monday June 4**
- 7:00 PM Ministry of Worship & Covenant (Grant Room)**
- Tuesday June 5**
- 10:00 AM Bible Study - OceanView**
- Wednesday June 6**
- 12:00 PM Women's Spiritual Book Group (Mollie Mason's Home)**
  - 2:00 PM Called to Care (Grant Room)**
- Friday June 8**
- 6:30 PM Coffee House – *Married with Chitlins***
- Sunday June 10 Deadline for July *Congregator* submissions**
- 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)**
  - 11:30 AM Holly Days Fair Kick-off Meeting (Beinema Hall)**