



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Christ offers a new way of seeing, and being, the world. "If you want people to stay where they are put, don't tell them about Jesus." - Noel Fisher quoting Bishop Leontine Kelly



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

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.

Many: 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

"Adagio from Sonata 1"

Felix Mendelssohn

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

One: Some people trust in influence and in who they know.

All: We trust in the power of a loving God.

One: Some people trust in money and in property.

All: We trust in the power of a loving God.

One: Some people trust in health that does not falter.

All: We trust in the power of a loving God.

One: Some people trust in a life without an ending.

All: We trust in the power of a loving God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Gather Us In"

No 284; vs. 1,2,4

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: So many different sorts of people are gathered to worship You, O God:

All: different in age and in outlook, different in background and in occupation, together in giving thanks.

One: We have so many different feelings as we gather to worship You, O God:

All: downhearted and lacking confidence, worried and depressed, together in hope.

One: We have so many different ways of following Jesus, as we gather to worship You, O God:

All: practical and compassionate, spiritual and prayerful, together as disciples.

One: We have so many different visions for the faith community, as we gather to worship You, O God:

All: focusing on the local community, witnessing through music, serving the global church, together in Christ's love. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: As in the seed there is the potential for growth and wonderful change, so we think of the change that one small act may bring to life:

All: a church member advertises a meeting to found a hospice for the dying.

One: We think of the change that one small act may bring to life:

All: a fellow worker with an addiction is put in touch with a 12-step group.

One: We think of the change that one small act may bring to life:

All: a bereaved person without cooking skills is given their first lesson by a neighbor.

One: We think of the change that one small act may bring to life:

All: facing a major decision, we find a trusted friend who listens without judging.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: We put no limits on Your power to help us for good, O God.

All: You will take our small beginnings and make more of them than we could ever imagine.

One: As we increase our faith in You, loving God, increase our faith in ourselves, that we may achieve more than we could ever dream, or hope, or aspire to.

All: Then we will know the peace of God, which passes all understanding. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson **1 Samuel 15:34-16:13** **(NRSV p.240; RSV p.253 †)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson **Mark 4:26-34** **(NRSV p.33; RSV p.36 †)**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON **"What's the Point of All Our Work?"** **Pastor Michael**

***HYMN** **"What Wondrous Love Is This"** **No. 200; vs. 1,3,4**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

***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: You have chosen us as givers, O God, and also those who work with the gifts of the faith community. Bless us in this work!

All: May the generosity of our gifts of money be matched by our willingness to give our time and talents to Christ’s present-day work.

One: Within the church and beyond its walls there is much to do.

All: We are committed to this faithful work; we will not be discouraged!

One: God will go with you! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk With God”

No. 557

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor Michael

***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

“A Piping Tune”

Gordon MacKenzie/Wetherald

(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

Greeter: Pam Carroll

Liturgist: Jim Parr

Ushers: Judy Currier, Pam Carroll and Tyler Henderson



WELCOME to Amoryn Forrest Horton McPherson, born June 1, 2018!

Proud parents are Joanna (Horton) and Thomas McPherson.

Delighted grandparents are Peggy and Mark Horton



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

1 Sam 17:32-49; Ps 9:9-20; 2 Cor 6:1-13; MK 4:35-41

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.

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.

The church is considering going SOLAR as a way to be better stewards of the earth (and save money). If you are interested in helping the 'green team', have questions, or would like to be an investor, please contact Chan Sinnett or, Mark Horton. Thanks!

Church Mini-Bus purchase has been finalized and should be available by the first of July. The bus will be used for church sponsored events, church services, and other transportation needs that forward the mission of our work. *We are looking for volunteer drivers, over the age of 25, with good driving records and who would be willing to operate the bus on such occasions.* Please provide the Church Council with your full name, date of birth and driver's license number so that we can get you added to the insurance policy. Any questions; please contact Marilee Pillsbury at: bigmarilee@yahoo.com

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.

Falmouth Congregational Church UCC is a fragrance-free environment to accommodate members and visitors who are chemically sensitive. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products and/or similar products.



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



**Maureen Grubb and the
extended family of Charlie
Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Jo Blinick**

**Ryan Bartom
George Sanborn
Bee O'Brien
Maytha Southard Kerry
Golding**

**Ginny Hamilton
Bob Stakel
Cole Eddy (the
brother of Virginia
Eddy)**

Please let the church office know if we have missed someone or if any information changes. Thank you!

Our deepest sympathy is with Maureen Grubb and all the members of the extended Grubb family. Charlie Grubb passed into his eternal rest this past week.

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



Church *SUMMER* Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – NOON, Closed on Friday

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REMINDER ~

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 9 AM to NOON- BEGIN JUNE 18

NORMAL OFFICE HOURS 9 AM to 3 PM - RESUME AUGUST 20

This Week's Schedule

Sunday June 17 ~ FATHER'S DAY ~ Congregator Deadline

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday June 19

10:00 AM Bible Study (Oceanview)

Wednesday June 20

6:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee (Grant Room)

Thursday, June 21

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #93 (Beinema Hall)

Saturday, June 23

7:30 PM Bach's Concert (To Benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry)

Sunday June 24

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

11:30 AM Ministry of Christian Education (C.E. Office)