



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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God's power is over all. We can trust God's power to redeem whatever lies in our path.



*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

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Katherine Rhoda

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God never fails us;

All: in the testing times, God is there.

One: God gives us strength;

All: in our moments of weakness, God is there.

One: God is our companion;

All: when we feel alone, God is there.

One: God is to be trusted;

All: when we do not know where to turn, God is there.

HYMN OF PRAISE“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

No 631

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.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: In our strength and in our weakness, we worship You, O God.

All: You will use us when we are strong and support us when we are weak.

One: In our youth and in our mature years, we worship You, O God.

All: You are with us in laughter and in play when we are young; You give us wisdom as we grow old.

One: In our doubting and in our faith, we worship You, O God.

All: You will inform our doubts and confirm us in our Christian faith.

One: In our reflection and in our service, we worship You, O God.

All: You are present as we pray and You are the selfless spirit behind our care for others. In all the contrasts and changes of life, we worship You, loving God! Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFORMATION

One: When the moment of turmoil comes out of nowhere,

All: You, O God, are the voice of calm, the touch that reassures.

One: When the varied stresses of life combine to overwhelm us,

All: You, O God, enable us to set our priorities and to get back on a steady course.

One: When the encouragement of family and the support friends fails us,

All: You, O God, will give us confidence to search out other sources of help.

One: When the storm hits home at our faith community,

All: You, O God, will provide us with the endurance we need and the hope of better days ahead.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: Comfort and sustain us, O God, in the midst of life's storms. Empower us with the patience and the faithful pattern of Christ in the coming days.

All: In Christ, the fear and the panic melts away, replaced by faithfully firm resolve. The storms and the darkness no longer hold us in their grip.

One: Thank God. You are released, you are free!

All: Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 17:32-49

(NRSV p.242; RSV p.255[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson

Mark 4:35-41

(NRSV p.33; RSV p.37[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Peace in the Storms"

Pastor Michael

***HYMN**

"Be Still, My Soul"

No. 566

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

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OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

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***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: These offerings are our means of serving You, loving God.

All: Through them ministry is maintained; through them, the scriptures are studied and the gospel is proclaimed; through them, the poor are lifted up and the downhearted are encouraged; through them, the faith community comes alive; through them, the living Christ is encountered.

One: Bless these gifts and the time and the skills that go with them.
Bless them in the name of Jesus, Your Anointed One.

All: Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

"It Is Well With My Soul"

No. 561 vs. 1,3,4

* 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

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(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.

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.

Worship Participants

Greeter: Ted and Dolores Vail

Liturgist: Virginia Eddy

Ushers: Larry Perry, Sue Perry, and Judy Nilsen

A special "THANK YOU" to Katherine Rhoda for being our substitute musician today!



Next Sunday's Lectionary

2 Sam 1:17-20 Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7-15; MK 5:21-43

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.

Coffee House ~ July 13 Faith Varney and Quintet

Faith Varney and Quintet have been performing (together and in different groups) at various churches, weddings, nursing homes and private clubs since 2006. Their music style is rag, old time, 40's to 60's and turn of the 19th century and early 20th century music. JOIN US! Bring your friends and neighbors for a relaxing family friendly evening out. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee, tea or hot chocolate. All are welcome. Free Will donations accepted. FMI: 781-3413 or falmouthcongregationalchurch.org

Holly Days Fair is our biggest fund raiser and we need YOU!

There are lots of opportunities to join the effort with jobs to fit all interests, talents and varying time commitments. Come join the fun!

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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.



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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Maureen Grubb and the extended family of

**Charlie Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Jo Blinick
Ryan Barton
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!



Church **SUMMER** Office Hours

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

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday June 24

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

11:30 AM Ministry of Christian Education

Wednesday June 27

6:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee (Grant Room)

Sunday July 1 ~ Communion

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting