



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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"In Christ, who we are is sufficient for transformative mission. When Christ works through us, even the new math can't keep up with the multiplication and division and addition at work."



*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.

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

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Stephen Schwartz

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

One: As we sit within this community of faith, so we are fed.

All: Praise and prayer feed our minds and spirits.

One: We are wonderfully fed.

All: The teachings of Jesus bring us to the faithful way.

One: We are graciously fed.

All: The cross of Jesus calls us to the selfless, practical way.

One: We are gloriously fed.

All: The rising of Jesus from death fills us with a timeless, unbounded hope.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No 715

***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: God, you give us food and drink for each new day.

All: You are worthy of our praise!

One: God, you give us friends for the testing paths of life.

All: You are worthy of our worship!

One: God, you give us the saints as models of Christian life.

All: You are worthy of our trust!

One: God, You give us Jesus Christ to strengthen us when we take on the powers and oppressors.

All: You are worthy of our love! Great Eternal Giver, we praise You! Amen.

PRAYER OF DISCIPLESHIP (CONFESSION)

One: When the sun shines brightly,

All: God encourages us to make the most of our days and to fill them with family and friends.

One: When thunder rolls across the sky and the rain pours down,

All: God reminds us that there are storms in life, but, with faith, the good times will return.

One: On days when the sky is black,

All: God is there for us; God provides a glimmer of light in the darkness.

One: When we see a rainbow in the sky,

All: we know that God's eternal hope is there for us; our doubts and lack of confidence come to nothing. Forgive us when we fail You and grant us Your peace.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: O God, You are there for us on our bright and sunny days, and You are there for us when the dark, tempting forces surround us

All: You give us strength to come through the storm unafraid. In the turmoil and stress of new beginnings, You are there for us.

One: We give You thanks for the reality of Your peace,

All: O forgiving God! Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson **2 Samuel 11:1-15** **(NRSV p.263; RSV p.277[†])**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Old Testament Lesson **John 6:1-21** **(NRSV p.84; RSV p.92[†])**

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Gathering the Fragments"

Pastor Michael

***HYMN**

"Spirit Song"

No. 352

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

"Amazing Grace"

Anon. Christian Hymn

***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 shower upon us, O God, abundant and wonderful gifts. Yet we often receive them without acknowledging the Gracious Giver. How can we ever thank You? Are there words enough, deeds that are good enough?

All: We can make a start by bringing our heartfelt worship to You and by treating our fellow men and women in the way Jesus made clear. With this renewed determination, receive our gifts. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Come With Joy”

No. 420

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

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Spiritual

(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

Greeters: Carol Kauffman

Liturgist: Mark Horton

Ushers: Larry Perry, Sue Perry, Tyler Henderson



*A special thank you to guest musicians: Virginia Eddy,
Mark Horton and Bob Stakel*



*The flowers this morning are given in honor of:
Judy Carrier, Judy Nilsen, Pam Carroll,
Carol Kaufmann and all other volunteers and staff whose
dedication and hard work hold this church together.*

~Anonymous



Next Sunday's Lectionary

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Exodus 16:2-4; Ephesians 4:1-16 **John 6:24-35**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
George Sanborn
Bee O'Brien
Maytha Southard



Kerry Golding
Cole Eddy (Virginia
Eddy's' brother)
Fowler Low

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

Thank you!

Falmouth Congregational Church UCC is a fragrance-free environment. We ask that you please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes, hand cremes, body lotions, and other scented products to accommodate those around you who are chemically sensitive or asthmatic. Thank you



We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship. 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.

Hospitality Table will resume in September. The members of the Ministry of Community Life want to thank everyone who has baked for the hospitality table. **However, coffee and fellowship will continue after the service.**

Church Mini-Bus Volunteer Drivers Needed! Drivers must over the age of 25, with good driving records and be willing to operate the bus on church excursions. Please contact Jess in the Church office at: 781-3413 or by email at: fccofficemanager@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org with any questions or to volunteer.

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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July Church Office Transitions: As we say goodbye to Meredith Mazur and thank her for her years of service as Financial Secretary; we welcome Gini Medford back as the Interim Financial Secretary. Gini will be in the office Mondays, 10-noon and may be reached at: gjinifcc@maine.rr.com or 781-3413.

Church Office Assistant Needed: We are seeking someone outside of the congregation: for a part-time church office position; 18 hours per week for 42 weeks, with 10 weeks off in the summer. Working hours are 8:45 AM – 3:15 PM Tuesday thru Thursday. Applicants must be computer literate, have a good working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite (Word and Publisher), have good technological and communication skills, be detail oriented, able to work independently and collaboratively, assist the Office Manager, preferably use a “smart phone” device for communication and be familiar with the seasons of the church and with laity responsibilities. Great opportunity for “stay at home” moms and dads! If interested: Please email: Kim Hendry at Shendry001@ymaine.rr.com; Laurie Davis at davisl@maine.rr.com; or Tom Crosby at tcrosby@maine.rr.com or Jess at fccofficemanager@falmouthcongregationalchurch.org for more information or to apply.

Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in July: Mondays, July 2 and 16 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, July 10, 17 and 24 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, July 12, 19 and 26 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.

Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in August: Mondays, August 6 and 20 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, August 14, 21 and 28 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, August 9, 16 and 23 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



Church *SUMMER* Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Closed on Friday
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This Week's Schedule

Sunday July 29

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship ~ featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee

Wednesday August 1

10:30 AM Bylaw Revision Meeting (Grant Room)

6:00 PM Family Promise Host Meeting (Beinema Hall)

6:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee (Grant Room)

Sunday July 29 Communion Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship ~ featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee



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Please ask an usher for a **LARGE print bulletin and hymn.**