



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our giving reflects our hearts. God's welcome is for all.



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

Reverend Michael H. Richards
Pastor and Teacher

10:00 AM

COMMUNION

JULY 1, 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

William Steffe
Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Touch us with Your presence, O God!

All: We will respond with worship that is joyful and free.

One: Touch us with Your presence, O God!

All: We will hear the Word, spoken for us and for our faith community.

One: Touch us with Your presence, O God!

All: We will experience the revealing, healing, power of the Spirit.

One: Touch us with Your presence, O God,

All: and we will be Your compassionate presence to others.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: For Your creative glory, which shines from every flowing stream and sings out from every bird,

All: we give You thanks, most gracious God.

One: For the joy that is ours at work, within the family circle, and when we relax with our friends,

All: we give You thanks, most gracious God.

One: For Your presence in the rough and tumble of life and when the pressure is on,

All: we give You thanks, most gracious God.

One: For the peace of Christ which this faith community extends, as it reaches out to our town, and to communities far from here;

All: we give You thanks, O most gracious God. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

No. 720

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER (sung in unison)

No. 307

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-15 (NRSV p.168; RSV p.179 †)

One: This is the Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 10:17-21 (NRSV p.156; RSV p.165 †)

One: This is the Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Christianity and the Republic" Pastor Michael

*HYMN "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" No. 721, vs. 1,3,4

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Michael

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory "I Met Jesus" (From: "To See a Miracle") Tom Fettke

Miguel Matos, Soloist

*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: God of all our giving and all our receiving, bless this offering.

All: Enable us to give in a just and compassionate spirit, and enable us to receive with dignity and with thankfulness. Amen.

* HYMN OF PREPERATION "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" No. 392

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

(Communion is offered by intinction.)

* CLOSING HYMN "This Is My Song" No. 722

* 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 "God of Our Fathers" George W. Warren

Robert J. Hughes

(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.



*The flowers this morning are given
in honor of Joe Blinick's birthday, July 1.*

With love, from Jo Blinick

Worship Participants

Greeter: Phil and Rae Pierce

Liturgist: Judy Carrier

Ushers: Jessica Collins, Jim Parr, Ted Vail, and Dolores Vail

Communion Servers: Virginia Eddy and Pam Carroll



Thank You

*Special Thanks to guest singer, Miguel Matos,
who just completed the 4th grade!
His song today tells how Jesus healed a man
who had been blind for three years.*

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



**Maureen 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!*



Next Sunday's Lectionary

2 Samuel 5:1-5,9-10; Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

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.

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**Hospitality Table:** There will not be a hospitality table after services during July and August. We will resume in September. Meanwhile, the members of the Ministry of Community Life want to thank everyone who has baked for the coffee fellowship.

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Coffee House ~ July 13 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 era music 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

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**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!

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**Church Mini-Bus** is HERE! 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](mailto:bigmarilee@yahoo.com)

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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.

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Are you having trouble seeing the small print in the bulletin? Please ask an usher for a **LARGE print bulletin and hymns**



## Church *SUMMER* Office Hours

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

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## This Week's Schedule

**Sunday July 1      Communion**

**10:00 AM      Worship Service**

**11:15 AM      Coffee Fellowship (*No Hospitality Table*)**

**Monday July 2**

**7:00 PM      Ministry of Worship & Covenant (Grant Room)**

**Wednesday July 4 Independence Day! *Church office closed***

**Friday July 13**

**6:30 PM      Coffee House: Presenting ~ Faith Varney and Quintet**

**Sunday July 8**

**10:00 AM      Worship Service**

**11:15 AM      Coffee Fellowship (*No Hospitality Table*)**