



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Be doers of the word and not hearers only. If charged with the crime of being Christian, would our actions provide sufficient evidence to convict us?



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

Reverend Michael H. Richards
Pastor and Teacher

FIFTEENTH 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

"This is My Father's World"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ever-present God, You are with us at this time of worship.

All: In our praise, You are the note of joy; in our praying, You are the still small voice; in our listening, You are the word that hits home; in our fellowship, You are the friendly hand held out; in our call to serve, You are the source of inspiration.

One: With confidence and trust,

All: We will worship God!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: God of all of life's seasons, You are with us.

All: In the glory days of summer and in the frigid depths of winter, You are with us.

One: You are with us, God.

All: In the enthusiasm of youth and in the reflective advancing years, You are with us.

One: You are with us, God.

All: In the rushed days of productive work and in the slower pace of retirement, You are with us.

One: You are with us, God.

All: In the dark night of the soul and in the morning when joy overflows, You are with us.

One: You never leave us, God.

All: You will never leave us, in time or beyond time. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 56, vs. 1,4,5

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

No. 307

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson 2 Solomon 2:8-13

(NRSV p. 585; RSV p. 595[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

(NRSV p. 36; RSV p. 40[†])

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Believing in the Work of God”

Pastor Michael

*HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 97

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

ORGAN PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

“*The Gift of Love*”

arr. Janet Linker

*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 are good gifts, O God.

All: May they restore the downhearted, encourage those without hope, bring wholeness to the sick, put zest back into lives that lack interest and direction, and go to work in communities far from the shores of this nation

One: Bless these gifts, O God, as they bring change in the Way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPERATION

“*The Gift of Love*”

No. 526

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

(Communion is offered by intinction)

*CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

No. 589

*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

“*Toccata in d minor*”

Gordon Balch Nevin

(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.



*A special thank you to our guest musician
Ray Cornils, Organist*

Worship Participants

Greeters: Carol Kauffman

Liturgist: Ann Sanborn

Ushers: Jo Blinick, Joe Blinick, Judy Nilsen, Jim Parr

Communion Servers: Virginia Eddy, Larry Perry, Pam Carrol

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

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



**Kerry Golding
Arthur Westcott
Fowler Low
Joyce Harmon
Missy Gagne**

Jack Horton (*who is serving in Iraq*)

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

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



We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and friendly fellowship. If you are visiting us today, please be sure to pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and sign the guest book.

COFFEE BY DESIGN coffee is served every Sunday after worship and during the Coffee House. We make the coffee fresh for each event and we also sell the coffee by the pound – a full 16 ounces! We are happy to grind the beans to the type of coffee maker you have. We keep a selection of coffee varietals on hand for purchase and/or we can order your special type or flavor and have to you within a week. Great coffee, great prices and you are welcomed with a great smile! Check with Pastor Michael or Matthew Strobel, our sexton, for ordering information.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9; 22-23; Isaiah 35:4-7a;
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; **Mark 7:24-37**

CHOIR Rehearsal & Potluck Dinner: Wednesday, September 12th at 6:30 PM, Beinema Hall. Also, Choir practice (*before worship service*) will resume on Sunday, September 16 at 9 AM. Please contact Doris at: dnkrueger@gmail.com with any questions or to coordinate your potluck dish. Thank you.

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**Family Promise** will host families here at FCC September 2- September 9. Would you like to help? For more information or if have any questions or you would like to volunteer, please contact Dolores at: 781-4363.

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Supper Committee Meeting: September 4, 7 PM -8:30 PM in the Grant Room. It's that time of year again, when we start planning for our Community Supper. It is the largest fundraiser and community service event that we do, in partner with other local area churches, as well as, the Jewish and Muslim communities. And we welcome you to join us!

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**Painting the Parsonage and Barn –** Ministry of Facilities will be sprucing up the parsonage and barn September 1 – September 14. More information will follow. In the meantime, if you have any questions or want to help please contact Eunice at: [jwilcox754@aol.com](mailto:jwilcox754@aol.com).

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Church Mini-Bus Drivers Needed! We need volunteer drivers, over the age of 25, with good driving records who are 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

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**COFFEE HOUSE, featuring “Rob Emple” September 14, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.**  
Rob started performing during his UNH college days and continued during his junior year abroad, at the London School of Economics, he busked at Convent Gardens. While in London, Rob was “discovered” and asked to perform at “London’s Palace Theatre” and the contract letter was signed by Andrew Lloyd Webber! (*which was the highlight of that gig!*). After graduating college, Rob moved to Portland in 1986 and continued to perform at a handful of venues, until the early ‘90s. Rob then took a short hiatus to focus on his day job, family life and the kids’ busy schedules. Now, he plays privately and recently performed at Gritty McDuff’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary party and looks forward to playing more frequently. Rob plays a variety of cover songs - classic rock, old and new country, contemporary pop, and even a few oldies (relatively speaking). Enjoy a cup of hot coffee, hot tea or hot chocolate. This is a family friendly event, all are welcome. Free will donations accepted. FMI or to sign up to sing: call 781-3413 or visit [falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](http://falmouthcongregationalchurch.org).

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Falmouth Food Pantry September hours of operation: Mondays, September 17 from 9 AM until 11 AM; Tuesdays, September 11, 18 and 25 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, September 13, 20 and 27 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Closed on Friday

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday September 2 Communion Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service

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

7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting (Grant Room)

Monday September 3 Labor Day Observed. **Church Office is Closed.**

Tuesday, September 4

10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View

7:00 PM Supper Committee Meeting

Wednesday September 5

5:30 PM Pastoral Search Committee (Grant Room)

Thursday, September 5

6:30 PM Ministry of Missions (Grant Room)

Sunday September 9 Kids' Kick Off Sunday!

10:00 AM Worship Service & Kids' Kick Off Sunday

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

11:30 AM Council of Ministries Meeting