



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

Reverend Michael H. Richards
Pastor and Teacher

10:00 AM

COMMUNION

OCTOBER 7, 2018

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Children are loved by God. Churches often assume children will only “someday” serve and love God. Jesus shows us that children are God’s people now.

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

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Paul Manz

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In our singing,

All: O God, be the note of joy.

One: In our praying,

All: O God, be the heartfelt word.

One: In our searching,

All: O God, be the will to endure.

One: In our need,

All: O God, be the source of hope.

One: In our serving,

All: O God, be the hands and feet of Christ.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: God spoke through creation and the wonders of nature

All: and we are challenged to respond with care and with responsibility

One: God spoke through prophets and wise leaders

All: and we are called to respond by seeking justice and by practicing kindness.

One: God spoke through the teachings, the cross-death, and the rising of Jesus,

All: and we are called to respond by following faithfully and by serving whole heartedly.

One: God still speaks through prayer and through humble saints

All: and we are called to respond in our worship, in our care for one another, and in our concern for the poor and powerless.

One: Listen for the voice of God!

All: It is the voice we long to hear. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

No. 190, vs. 1,2,3

*OUR LORD’S PRAYER (sung in unison) No. 307

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Job 1:1; 2:1-10 (NRSV p. 416; RSV p. 440†)

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

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (NRSV p. 163; RSV p. 175†)

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

SERMON

“Kick It Up A Notch”

Pastor Michael

*HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

No. 393

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen”

Danish

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

“Every Day”

Sue Ellen Page

*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: As we present our gifts, O God,

All: **open our eyes to everything You have gifted to us.**

One: As we share, O God,

All: **open our hearts to the sick, the troubled, and the bereaved.**

One: As we have been richly blessed, O God,

All: **open our minds to the way in which we can be a blessing to others, as Jesus was a blessing to us. Amen**

*KIDS’ CHURCH SINGERS

“Kum ba Ya

No. 590

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

(Communion is offered by intinction)

CLOSING HYMN

“When Love Is Found”

No. 499; vs. 1,3,5

*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

"Lift High the Cross"

Sydney H. Nicholson
Carolyn Hamlin

(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: Judy Currier

Liturgist: Jim Parr

Ushers: Paul Davis, Steve Hendry, Rodney & Anne Coleman

Communion Servers: Pam Carroll, Mollie Mason

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYER

Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
George Sanborn
Bee O'Brien
Maytha Southard
Kerry Golding
Joyce Harmon



Ruth Ann Doty (Pam Carroll's' Niece)
Missy Gage
Myron Krueger
Priscilla Hobart
Arthur Wescott
Mary Eileen Anderson (Jenn Strobel's
Grandmother)
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!



*The rosebud on the alter this morning is in honor of
Alec Fraser Krutoy born on September 10th,
to exhausted parents, Evan Krutoy and Lisa Lightbody,
and proud grandparents, Nancy and John Lightbody.*



Next Sunday's Lectionary
Job 23:1-9; 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

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 be sure to pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and sign the guest book.

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**Holly Days Fair on Nov. 17th is our biggest fund raiser and we need YOU!** Please see the insert for more information.

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Hospice Series #3, "Grief and Bereavement Support", is Tuesday, October 9th at 3 p.m. in the Grant Room. Details about the series are in the October Congregator. Let Carol Kauffman know if you wish to attend. She can be reached at bearlover12@maine.rr.com.

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**Harvest Community Supper:** FREE roast turkey dinner with all the fixings, October 18, 4:30-7:00 PM in Beinema Hall. Volunteer sign up sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Free will donations accepted in support of the Falmouth Food Pantry. For more information contact Nancy Lightbody,

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It's that time of Year again for our annual Canned Food Drive! Sunday, October 28th. From now until 10/28 we will be collecting donations for the food pantry. Items to donate include toiletries, canned goods, dry goods, such as box macaroni, rice, etc. Please do not donate anything that has already been used. On Sunday 10/28, directly following the church service, we will be walking the canned goods over to the food pantry. We appreciate all donations, no matter how great or small! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kristen Coleman at kristen.coleman@maine.edu.

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**COFFEE HOUSE, featuring "Unspent Youth" Friday October 12, 6:30 to 9:00 PM.** Bring your friends and neighbors for a FUN and entertaining evening out. Enjoy a cup of hot coffee, hot tea or hot chocolate and live music! This is a family friendly event, all are welcome. Free will donations accepted. For more information: call 781-3413 or visit [falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](http://falmouthcongregationalchurch.org).

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The Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in October: Monday, October 22nd 9:00 to 11 AM; Tuesdays, October 9th, 23rd and 30th from 9:30 to 11:30 AM; and on Thursdays, October 11th and 25th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.



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



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**Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday**

**Church Phone: 207.781.3413**

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## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday October 7 Communion Sunday** ~*Neighbors in Need Offering Due*

- 9:00 AM** Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM** Worship Service & Kids' Church
- 11:15 AM** Coffee Fellowship ~ *featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee*
- 7:00 PM** Scout Committee Meeting (Beinema Hall)

### **Monday October 8**

- 6:00 PM** Fiddle-icious
- 7:00 PM** Ministry of Worship and Covenant (Grant Rm)

### **Tuesday October 9**

- 9:00 AM** Aerobics (Beinema Hall)
- 10:00 AM** Bible Study at Ocean View
- 3:00 PM** Hospice Series #3 "Grief and Bereavement Support" (Grant Rm)
- 6:00 PM** Cub Scouts ~ Pack 36 (Beinema Hall)

### **Wednesday October 10**

- 8:30 AM** Aerobics (Beinema Hall)
- 2:00 PM** Called to Care (Grant Room)
- 5:30 PM** Pastoral Search Committee (Grant Room)
- 7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday October 11**

- 1:30 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry (Grant Room)
- 7:00 PM** Boy Scouts Troop 93 (Beinema Hall)

### **Friday October 12**

- 9:00 AM** Aerobics (Beinema Hall)
- 6:30 PM** Coffee House

### **Sunday October 14 ~ Congregator Deadline**

- 9:00 AM** Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM** Worship Service & Kids' Church
- 11:15 AM** Coffee Fellowship ~ *featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee*
- 11:30 AM** Council of Ministries