



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

The Reverend Michael H. Richards
Pastor and Teacher

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Where do you think God would never be? Look for God there. "It is impossible to love Christ without loving others, and it is impossible to love others without moving nearer to Christ." – Teilhard de Chardin

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

"Siciliano"

J.S. Bach

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gathered as a worshipping community,

All: We respond to God with prayer and praise.

One: Gathered as a learning community,

All: We respond to God by listening for God's Word.

One: Gathered as a compassionate community,

All: We respond to God with acts of caring.

One: Gathered as a serving community,

All: We respond to God as we identify the powerless and stand beside them.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Living God, in the turmoil of our world,

All: We come before You, searching for calm and understanding.

One: In the uncertainty of our faith community,

All: We come before You, searching for a confident way with Jesus.

One: In the ups and downs of family life,

All: We come before You, searching for joy together.

One: In the time of individual challenge,

All: We come before You, searching for faithful resolution. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 618 vs. 1-2, 5

*OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Sung unison) No. 307

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSV p.657 ; RSV p.662 †)

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

New Testament Lesson Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV p.53 ; RSV p.58 †)

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

SERMON "We're Not the Stars of This Show" Pastor Michael

*HYMN "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" No. 249

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" Danish

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory "Look At the World" John Rutter

*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 offer gifts, we will receive the awareness of giving with others for common goals.

All: **As we offer gifts, we will receive the awareness that deep needs can now be met – within this faith community, within communities of this nation, and beyond these shores.**

One: As we offer gifts, we will know Your blessing with us, the givers, O most loving and generous God. Amen.

KIDS' CHURCH SINGERS "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" Wallis Wills

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION See Communion Insert

The Gifts of God for the People of God

(Communion is offered by intinction.)

*CLOSING HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 464 vs 1,2,4

*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

“Our Father Who Art in Heaven”

F. Mendelssohn

(During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.)

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in **bold**, words may be spoken together in unison.

(*) Please rise in body or spirit.

† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side of the sanctuary and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

Please silence or turn off your cell phone before you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.

Worship Participants

- Greeter:** Carol Kauffman
- Liturgist:** Jack Davis
- Ushers:** Joe & Jo Blinick, Mollie & Kim Mason
- Communion:** Pam Carroll, Judy Crosby, Mollie Mason, Jim Parr



*The flowers in front of the pulpit are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Judy Currier*

by Bette Lee, Joan Russell and Joyce Harmon



The flowers in front of the lectern are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my grandmother, Judy Currier, on her birthday.

by Alan Doughty

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



Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Maytha Southard
Missy Gage
Myron Krueger

Florence Wescott
Ginny Hamilton
Suzanne P. Detuyt *(Suzanne Kauffman Detuyt's mother-in-law)*
Jennifer Novelli *(Sara Davis's sister)*

Stuart Eddy *(Phoebe Horne's brother)*
Jack Horton *(who is serving in Iraq)*

Please let the church office know if we have missed someone. We will keep people on the prayer list for one month. If you would like them to continue on the prayer list, please update us so that we may better pray for them. 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 be sure to pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and sign the guest book.

Annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Fundraiser - Chili will be distributed following worship TODAY.

The series about **Hospice etc.** will resume on **February 5** and will conclude February 12, weather permitting. We will meet in the Grant Room at 3:00 PM. Location for the final piece on February 12 is yet to be determined. Please be on time for both of these sessions.

February 5th: **Overview of Grief, Bereavement Support**

February 12th: B.O.A.T.I.N.G. **A Play about Empowerment and Final Wishes**

Call the church office at 207-781-3413 or Carol Kauffman if you can attend.

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Join us for a wonderful evening of music, **Friday February 8<sup>th</sup>** at the Coffee House.

George Bailey is a solo, singer/songwriter in the tradition of finger-style, acoustic guitar who has shared the stage with the likes of Doc Watson, John Hammond, and The Gibson Brothers. George's eclectic musical style ranges from blues and rock, to classic swing and folk tunes. George will be joined on stage, by his daughter, Kendra Davis.

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The Falmouth Food Pantry will be open the on the following days in February: Mondays, February 4 & 18, 9:00 – 11:00 AM; Tuesdays, February 12, 19 & 26, from 9:30- 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, February 14, 21 & 28, from 4:30-6:30 PM.

During the regularly scheduled times, the Falmouth Food Pantry is serving furloughed government employees, even if the employees are from outside our serving area, as long as they offer proof of employment.

Also, <https://211maine.org> is a helpful resource for many areas of needed assistance.

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We have openings for chancel flowers. Sign up to hold a special date to celebrate the Glory of God and remember or honor a loved one. You can provide the **Chancel Flowers** by selecting a Sunday and signing up on the flower sheet in Fellowship Hall. Fill out a chancel flower form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office along with a check for \$38 payable to Falmouth Congregational Church UCC.

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MINISTRY OF MISSIONS:

SCHOOL KITS FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Once again, we will be assembling school kits that will be shipped to Church World Service. CWS coordinates the kits that are sent around the world to children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings.

Items Most Needed:

- 12" rulers
- Large erasers (no pencil cap erasers)
- New, unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210
- pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper, please)
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- Boxes of 24 crayons (only 24)

Also needed are people to sew more of the bags into which the school supplies go. Each bag requires ½ yard of "child-friendly" fabric. For a pattern and/or specific directions, please contact Kathie Sinnett at kathie.sinnett@gmail.com.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isaiah 6:1-8 ; Psalms 138 ; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; **Luke 5:1-11**

Church Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday
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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 3

10:00 AM **Worship Service & Kids' Church**

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

Please pick up your chili following worship. Thanks!

Monday, February 4

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

Tuesday, February 5

10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View

3:00 PM Hospice Series (Grant Room)

Wednesday, February 6

12:00 PM Women's Spiritual Book Group (Parlor)

1:30 PM Ministry of Community Life (Grant Room)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 7

8:30 AM Ecumenical Clergy Meeting

6:30 PM Ministry of Missions (Grant Room)

7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 93 (Beinema Hall)

Friday, February 8

6:30 PM **Coffee House**

Sunday, February 10 - Deadline for submission of Congregator Articles!

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 (Grant Room)