



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 David E. Butler



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Love is, above all, the gift of oneself” Jean Anouilh.

PRELUDE

“Air”

George Frederic Handel

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the welcome of God’s love.

All: We gather in the joy of new life in Christ.

One: We gather in the power of the Spirit.

All: Let us listen for the voice of God in our lives.

One: Let us worship God with open hearts and souls and open lives and minds.

All: For God has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar and the whisper of God’s love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“The Strife is O’er”

No 221

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

A CHILDREN’S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Silence)

KYRIE

One: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us

One: Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Psalter

Psalm 30

(NRSV p.468; RSV p.487 †)

The Gospel

John 21:1-19

(NRSV p.101; RSV p.110 †)

SERMON

“Do You Love Me?”

Rev. David E. Butler

*HYMN

“When Love is Found”

No. 499

AN EASTER SEASON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: God of grace, we celebrate your Easter miracle; you bring new hope out of despair,

All: You bring a dawn of victory out of the darkness of defeat.

One: You call the dry bones to dance.

All: You resurrect forgotten dreams.

One: You turn our tears into chorus' of joy.

All: You touch our aching hearts with your healing hands.

One: You pour out your spirit and new life blossoms.

All: You dispel our fears with a trumpet blast of grace.

One: You conquer our griefs with new gifts of love.

All: You fill our tired souls with new reasons to sing.

One: We celebrate your miracle of Easter,

All: For you raise us to new life, day by day by day. Alleluia!

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen"

Dresden

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

"Lover of the Children"

Ken Medema/Sheldon Curry

*Doxology

All: 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.

AN INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

One: Come because you are invited by Christ to come and sit at this table.

All: We come because we are hungry for a bread that will nourish of spirits.

One: Come because the presence of Christ's love awaits you here as we gather as his family around his table.

All: We come because we need the drink that will set our souls on fire.

One: Come because, at this table, God's grace will make you whole.

All: We come because no matter who we are there is a place set for us here.

PREFACE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to our God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: Let us give thanks from the depths of our hearts and souls.

PRAYER OF EUCHARIST AND CONSECRATION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP (by intinction)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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 thing is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Softly and Tenderly”

No. 340

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX”

Benedetto Marcello

(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

- Communion:** Judy Crosby, Randy Boardway, Ann Sanborn, Marilee Beinema
- Greeters:** Sam Davidson
- Liturgist:** Sarah Davis
- Ushers:** Pam Carroll, Judy Nilsen, Lorraine Bergen, Nancy Lightbody
- Bus Driver:** Jack Davis

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

**Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Maytha Southard
Missy Gage**



**Myron Krueger
Florence Wescott
Ginny Hamilton**

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



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

We **welcome** you to worship. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex.



Graduate Sunday is May 12th: If there are any **graduates** this spring who would like to be recognized by the church for their hard work, please contact the church office at 781-3413 or fccdesk@maine.rr.com. Let us know the graduate's future plans, whether it is to attend college (and where), go on to a technical school, or pursue a job opportunity. This information is needed by May 7 in order to be published in the Bulletin.

From the Minster of Music: WANTED- Singers for the Chancel Choir, need not be soloists! Willing to practice Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:00 PM and 9:00 AM on Sundays and sing for the church service. The choir season runs the second week of September through May. Come join the choir family! Please contact Doris Krueger at dnkrueger@gmail.com

Family Promise Families: We will be hosting families for Family Promise Sunday, July 28 to August 4th. Please contact Steve Hendry at: stevrunn@gmail.com, if you would like more information on how you can help or become a volunteer.

Prayer Shawl Meeting will be May 9th from 1:30 to 3:00 in the Grant Room. Please contact Judy Nilsen at 781-3664.



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday
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- Sunday, May 5** **Communion**
9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Worship Service & Kids' Church
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship ~ *featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee*
1:00 PM Scout Eagle Ceremony
7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting
- Monday, May 6**
6:00 PM Fiddle-icious
7:00 PM Ministry of W&C
- Tuesday, May 7**
10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View
- Wednesday, May 8**
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, May 9**
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 93
- Friday, May 10**
6:30 PM Coffee House- Jim Gallant
- Sunday, May 12**
9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Worship Service & Kids' Church
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship ~ *featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee*
1:00 PM Scout Eagle Ceremony
7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting