



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

Bridge Pastor

10:00 AM

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 12, 2019



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Light half-believers of our casual creeds, who never deeply felt, nor clearly willed, whose insight never has borne fruit in deeds, whose vague resolves never have been fulfilled, still long for some eternal hope but search for it in vain.”

-Matthew Arnold

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Paul Manz

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in this place again to seek God's blessing and to celebrate God's love.

All: **May that love be to us a light in our darkness to lead the way.**

One: May it be to us a power of community that we might find God's spirit here in one another's presence.

All: **May it be to us a spirit of joy that our lives may be lightened and lifted by this time of worship.**

One: May God's grace call us together again with a fresh sense of mission and a new vision of hope for a future of God's making.

All: **Let us truly be a community of disciples as we gather again in Jesus name.**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

***HYMN**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No 22

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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.

AN APPRECIATION OF GRADUATES

A Reading of "The Cat in the Hat"

Gifts

A CHILDREN'S SONG

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

"Being New"

"A Children's Prayer"

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Psalter

Psalm 23

(NRSV p.464; RSV p.484 †)

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

(NRSV p.90; RSV p.98 †)

SERMON

"What is Eternal Life?"

Rev. David E. Butler

*HYMN

"How Blest Are They Who Trust in Christ"

No. 646

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*O God, you are the love that enfolds us. You are the breath that breathes us.
You are the spirit that gives us life. You are the meaning and purpose of our days.
Following the path of our Lord and Savior we seek your truth, we long for your grace,
and we offer you our lives. Amen.*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PREFACE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts in joy.

All: We lift them up to our God.

One: Let us pray to God.

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

A PASTORAL PRAYER

"Amen"

Danish

THE LORD'S PRAYER (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**

"Give Thanks For Life"

No. 649

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Edward Elgar

(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

Greeters: Judy Nilsen
Liturgist: Mark Horton
Ushers: Paul Davis, Jim Parr
Bus Driver: Paul Davis



*The chancel flowers are given in Loving Memory of
Harold W. Kauffmann and in Honor of all Mothers from
Carol Kauffmann. Please feel free to take one.*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Maytha Southard**



**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



We'd like to Welcome our Bridge Pastor David Butler who will be preaching for us until Sunday, June 2nd. He will be in the office Tuesday's and Thursday's roughly, 11 AM until 1 PM. Please call the Church office ahead to ensure he is in.



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

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**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](mailto:dnkrueger@gmail.com)

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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.

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**Chancel Flowers:** Skillins has increased pricing from \$38 to \$40. There is a Chancel Flower signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.



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

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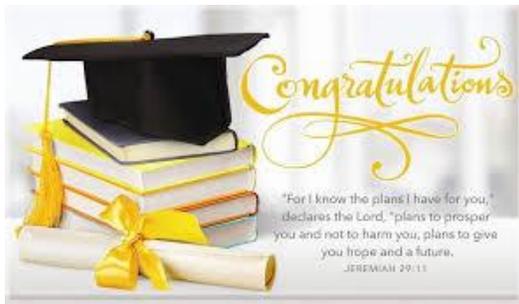
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**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-3



# *Graduate Sunday* *May 12, 2019* *Honoring Our Graduates*

## *HIGH SCHOOL*

### **Coleman Allen – second son of Christeen and Christopher Allen**

Coleman is a senior at Falmouth High School and graduates in June. Coleman enjoyed his High School experience, both academically and athletically. He plans on taking his football skills to the next level by attending The University of Maine in the Fall of 2019. There, he will be studying business and construction management.

### **Abigail Farmer – daughter of Darla Williams and Tom Farmer.**

Abigail will graduate from Falmouth High School and go on to attend the University of New Haven in the fall. She will be studying clinical psychology.

## *COLLEGE*

### **Kristen Coleman – daughter to Anne and Rodney Coleman**

Kristen is graduating with a bachelor's degree in business finance. She attended one year at Roger Williams university in Rhode Island and three years at the university of Southern Maine.

Upon graduating, Kristen plans to continue to grow her summer camp, The DaVinci Experience, throughout the summer months, and work full time at the Horace Mann insurance agency selling home and auto insurance throughout the rest of the year. Kristen is also in the process of becoming a homeowner! She plans on living in Portland and continuing her work at the church, part time, as the Christian Education Administrator.

### **Marisa Depuyt**

Marisa will graduate from the University of Texas (in Austin), with a degree in Accounting.

### **Alexandra Ertman – daughter to Lisa and Doug Ertman**

### **Katie Han – daughter to Cindy and Paul Han**

### **Lydia Elizabeth Hessemer Stegemann – daughter to Jane and Thomas Stegemann**

Lydia will graduate with a D.M.D. degree from Tufts Dental School on May 19, 2019. On July 1st she will begin a one-year residency in Advanced Education in General Dentistry. In July 2020, Lydia and her husband, Jake are planning to move back to the Portland area, where she plans on practicing dentistry.

### **William M. Kaufmann**

William will graduate from Thaddeus Stevens Institute with a degree in Metallurgy and Welding.

### **Josephine Pizzino**

Josephine is graduating from Moravian College with a degree in Human Resources.

### **Ruth Elizabeth Smith – daughter to Kaye and Jim Smith**

Ruth will be graduating from the University of New Hampshire on May 18, 2019. She will be receiving a BS degree in Business Hospitality Management and dual major in EcoGastronomy. After graduation, Ruth, Kristen Coleman and Celia DeWolfe will be traveling around Europe for two weeks. Upon her return home, Ruth will start her new, full-time job as a Private Event Consultant at Lani Toscano Event Planning and Design, based in Yarmouth, ME. There, she will be assisting a team in designing, planning, and executing luxury style events; primarily focused on weddings taking place along the Maine coast.



# MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.

We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that your big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mother who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.

Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being.

May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.

- Daniel Darling



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**Sunday, May 12**

**Mother's Day \*Congregator Deadline\***

**9:00 AM**

Choir Practice

**10:00 AM**

Worship Service & Kids' Church

**11:15 AM**

Coffee Fellowship ~ *featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee*

**Monday, May 13**

**7:00 PM**

Fiddle-icious

**Tuesday, May 14**

**6:30 PM**

Cub Scout Pack 36

**Thursday, May 16**

**7:00 PM**

Boy Scouts Troop 93

**Sunday, May 19**

**10:00 AM**

Worship Service & Kids' Church

**11:15 AM**

Coffee Fellowship ~ *featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee*

**11:30 PM**

Council of Ministries