



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



Rewards in the Vineyard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Herzlich thut mich verlangen

J.S. Bach

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 105

One: Give thanks! Call on the Lord's name and make known God's mighty deeds!

Many: **Sing praises and tell of God's works!**

Let those who seek the Lord rejoice:
God's strength and care is always with us,
Bringing new life and liberation through every generation.

In the wilderness of life, God gives bread from heaven,
And flowing water from a rock.

God's covenant promises are with us for all time,
And so we go forth with joy, and with singing!

* HYMN

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Black Hymnal, #401

**O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit,
bestow our blessing on our lives; here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace;
Deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.**

**Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed we may your love proclaim.**

**Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray,
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us pray with thanksgiving for God's
continuing presence and abundant care:

O Word of Life, come and dwell among us.

In all we say, and sing;

As we serve and struggle;

In silence or in the symphony of life,

May Your true Word of grace may be heard among us

And throughout creation.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

A TIME FOR ALL AGES

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All

Bob Burroughs

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

A Never-Too-Late God

The Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...



OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Electronic gifts may be shared here: <https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.

Offertory Anthem

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*** Blessing of the Gifts**

*** HYMN**

For the Fruit of All Creation

Black Hymnal, #425

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks we to God.**

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

"Little" Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach

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Special thanks to talented member David Clark for sharing his gifts of music with us today!!

Today's Ministers of Worship:

Mary Ryder and Kathie McCatherin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accompanying your bulletin is a two-page handout outlining the activities and contacts for the core ministries as well as small committees and structured activities in our church. When we reconvene after service downstairs there will be a card table with additional stick-on name tags with pens and markers. It is hoped that you will fill out the stick-on tags with what interests you most about church life i.e., a ministry or committee you may be on, if you attend either of the book groups, what you like about joining everyone to knit on Tuesdays, etc. The purpose of sporting this information is to encourage others to ask questions of you regarding whatever you are ready to speak on. Hopefully, the handout will prompt memories, and new questions. Let's share!

Please hold the date of Saturday, October 7 for the next Men's Breakfast.

Bells of Casco Bay will be having workshops on Thursdays starting at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary on September 28th and October 5th. Practice will resume on the Thursday mornings of October 26, and November 2, 9 and 16. For more information please contact Debbie Reifsnyder at 232-7298 or gailekieh@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)

Welcome Back Potluck immediately following service.

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Departs for Pilgrim Lodge
(Falmouth Congregational)

2:00 p.m. Bugs, Birds, and Botany Walk w/the Green Team
(Gilsland Farm – Audubon)

Monday, September 25:

4:15 p.m. Justice & Outreach Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 26:

12:00 p.m. Knitting Group (Classroom)

6:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

6:45 p.m. AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

7:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 27:

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. Green Team Meeting (large classroom)

Thursday, September 28:

9:00 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay (sanctuary)

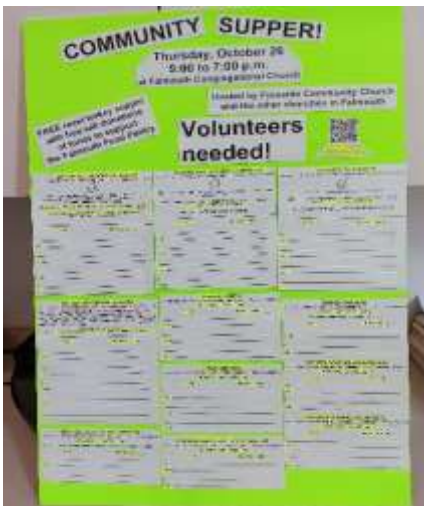
5:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting (large classroom)

Sunday, October 1:

NO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

2:00 p.m. **Falmouth Ecumenical Worship** (Holy Martyrs)

Handouts with more info located in narthex.



Located in the narthex is a call for volunteers to help with the **Thursday, October 26th annual Community Turkey Supper** sponsored by FCC and its sister community churches, and hosted by The Falmouth Congregational Church. Table servers, butternut squash cookers, turkey carvers, and turkey donors just a few ways you can contribute to this extremely important fund raiser for The Falmouth Food Pantry.

Oh what fun, attendance to the meal with door donations work equally well! Please consider extending your support by eating as well! Flyers also available in the narthex.

~ Thank you ~

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