



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

Sunday, September 27, 2026

The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude No.1 in C Major

J.S. Bach

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

One: Come, let us sing to our God.

Many: **Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Come, all who would follow Jesus,
That we may be led by streams of living water to new life.

Come, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
In which we find the Holy One is in our midst,
pouring out hope, and faith, and love in the blessings of community.

* HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hayes Hamill
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*Children are invited to go to Sunday school at this time.
They are always welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families as well.*

MISSION MOMENT

Nanna's House

Beth Fournier

ANTHEM

Look at the World

John Rutter

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON

Living Water

The Rev. Geoff Parker



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!




streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.




Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;




praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor: May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

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.

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

Shall We Gather at the River
Kathie McCatherin

Adpt. Aaron Copland

* 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 Gifts

*** HYMN**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Black Hymnal, #489

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”**

**I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad,
And there I found a resting place, where Jesus made me glad!**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, draw near, and drink and live.”**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank of that lifegiving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I am redeemed.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this lost world’s Light,
Look unto me; your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found my guiding Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I’ll go till traveling days are done.**

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Baptized in Water

Trad. Gaelic Melody

Today’s Sanctuary Arrangement:

Is given by John Bischof in celebration of the wedding between his grandson Thomas Degenhardt and Kassey Gabloff to take place on Friday, October 2, 2026.

Today’s Ministers of Worship:

Charlie Bernacchio and Robin Singer

Nursery Staff:

Lindy Glover

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Everyone is invited to walk the new Riverfront Woods Preserve in Yarmouth on Sunday, October 4 at 2 PM. This totally accessible one-mile trail was designed with input from our Wabanaki neighbors, and it includes a dozen beautiful signs by an indigenous artist. The address is Riverfront Drive in Yarmouth, 6 miles from the Foreside Community Church. To protect wildlife, dogs are not permitted in the preserve. Maine master naturalist Susan Gilpin will lead the walk. After the walk, the Goodrich's invite everyone to their new home for refreshments. The location is at the end of Riverfront Drive, off East Elm Street near the East Elm and North Road intersection in Yarmouth.

THIS IS A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS IN SUPPORT OF
the ***October 22, 2026, free-will roast turkey dinner***
hosted by the Falmouth faith communities and
held at the Falmouth Congregational Church.

The sign-up poster is located in the downstairs reception area
AND...already gathering names, but many hands are still needed. If
you are unable to participate this year,
financial donations are also gladly accepted.
All donations are tax deductible and
will benefit the Falmouth Food Pantry.

And of course, everyone is invited to attend this free dinner!
For more information, please contact [Carrie Penrose](#) or [Laura Lepine](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)



The Christmas Fair is right around the corner...and starting October 1, come see us in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays between 1 and 3 p.m. to start the fun as we start the set up. ~ Bring your donations or your hands to lend, or your brain to share ideas. We work, we talk, we laugh – and the more fun we have, the greater success we can plan for on the big day (Saturday, December 5) and the more lasting the memories; an unbeatable combination! Have questions? Reach out to Carol Ward. She would LOVE to hear from you!

THIS WEEK AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, September 27:

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
With Baptism and Mission Moment

10:45 a.m. Green Team Meeting (Classroom)

3:00 p.m. David Bartoletti Recital (UU Church of Brunswick)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Falmouth/Foreside Confirmation & Youth Group
(Falmouth Congregational)

Monday, September 28: 7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 29:

- 12:00 p.m.** Prayer Shawl Knitters (Classroom)
- 6:15 p.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 p.m.** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:15 p.m.** AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 30: 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Parlor)

Thursday, October 1:

9:30 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay (Sanctuary)
1 to 3:00 p.m. Christmas Fair Prep (Fellowship)
6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 4: **NO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**
2:00 p.m. Green Team Walking Worship
 (Riverfront Woods Preserve, Yarmouth)

Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning!

We hope that you discover here what you have come seeking.

In the hymnal rack in front of you is a **welcome card** that you may fill out to let us know that you were here. It has a place to indicate how we might help you to learn more about us. Please check those boxes if that would be helpful. The card can be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. We are glad that you have come, and would be privileged to welcome you further.

Nursery care is always available during worship. The nursery is located through the side door at the front of the sanctuary, up the stairs, and down the hallway, third door on the right. Parents are welcome to walk their children to the nursery and then return to worship at any time. Alternately, the nursery is equipped with a sound system so that you may listen to the service even if you would like to remain with your child.

Children age 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend Sunday school. Classes are scheduled to run through 10:40 a.m., at which time children can be picked up from the large Sunday school classroom at the end of the hall. If services conclude prior to 10:40 a.m. please feel free to enjoy refreshments and fellowship downstairs until pick-up time. Otherwise, children can be picked up immediately following the service.

Comfortable seating is available during Sunday service. An assortment of cushions is available at the back of the church. If you need assistance in retrieving one, please do not hesitate to ask a Minister of Worship usher.

Join us for coffee and conversation immediately following worship! We gather in our reception area downstairs which can be reached via the stairs, or the ADA accessible elevator, both located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please come and say hello!

Communion Sundays are usually held the first Sunday of each month.

The Foreside Community Church strives to be a **fragrance-free environment**. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products.

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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