

Falmouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Serving Christ and Community since 1754 Third Parish Church; 1833 The Brick Church The Reverend Amelia Edson Settled Pastor



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

"Little Partita for Epiphany" Nancy Wines-DeWan
By James Woodman
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"
By Harold Stover
"Wie Shoen Leuchtet der Morgenstern"
By Buxtehude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" Nancy Wines-DeWan

Arr. Sandra Tucker

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come as people filled with great expectation.

All: We come filled with hopes and dreams.

One: We come with serious questions.

All: We come with doubts that weigh us down.

One: We long for the heavens to open.

All: We need to hear the voice of God,

One: Whispering our names, and telling us again,

All: You are my Beloved with whom I am well pleased.

CALL TO CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we have fallen short, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:38-39)

One: With Paul the Apostle we are convinced

All: that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God. Amen.

HYMN "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5 & Mark 1:1-11 Sarah Davis

THE SERMON Rev. Whitman

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, 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 GOD

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

Chancel Choir

BENEDICTION

"Go in Peace" BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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Nancy Wines-DeWan POSTLUDE "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Trad Spiritual/ R. Elliot, J. Kerr

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

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Kelli Whitman

Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy

Music: Nancy Wines-DeWan

Ushers: Mark and Peggy Horton

Liturgist: Sarah Davis

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isa 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2: 1-11

Special thanks to our guest organist, Nancy Wines-DeWan



Nancy Wines-DeWan graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Fine Arts, and from the University of Southern Maine with a degree in Organ Performance. She served as Music Director, Handbell Choir Director and Organist for First Parish Church, Yarmouth from 1986 -2016. Since retiring from First Parish, she continues to serve various area churches as a substitute organist. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ. Nancy and her family live on a farm in New Gloucester where she enjoys riding, driving and training her *Icelandic Horses, working with her dogs in agility and freestyle (dancing)* and fostering collies and shelties for two rescue leagues. She is also a graphic artist and illustrator for books and magazines.

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