



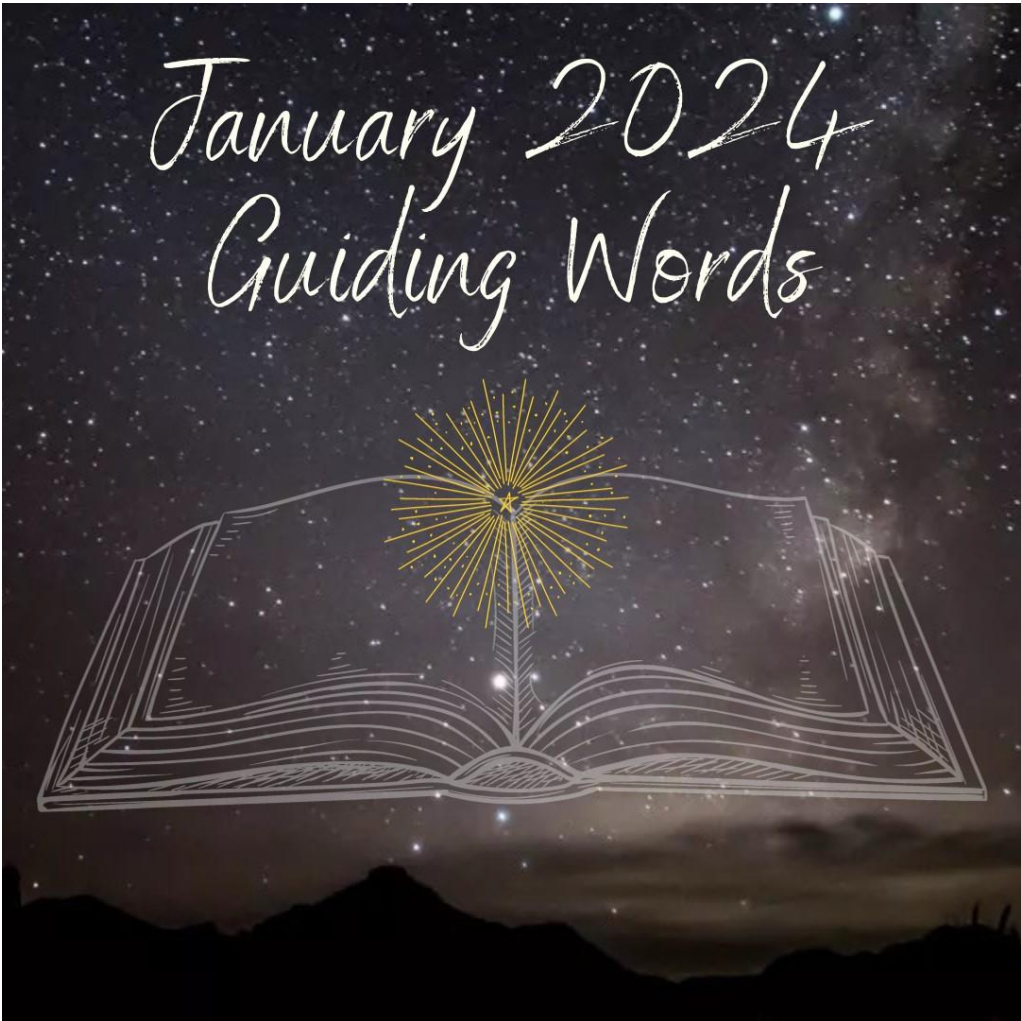
# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Serving Christ and Community since 1754

An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Reverend Amelia Edson

Settled Pastor & Teacher



267 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME, 04105 | 207-781-3413 |

[www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org](http://www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org)

10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 14, 2024



## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**PIANO PRELUDE**      “Your Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet”      arr. Mark Hayes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      Lydia Hoffman

One: Almighty God who has made light to conquer darkness

**All: And hope to conquer fear**

One: We thank You for bringing us to this time of worship

**All: Prepare our hearts to be open to Your Word for our lives**

One: That we may draw ever closer to You, our strength and our redeemer.

**All: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      Lydia Hoffman

One: Lord God, who by the leading of a star made manifest Your Son to the world

**All: We pray that You might mercifully correct our wanderings**

One: And by the guiding radiance of Your compassion bring us to Your truth.

**All: Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**      Romans 8:38-39      Lydia Hoffman

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.**

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**\*HYMN**      "Your Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet"      See screen

**SCRIPTURE**      Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27      Nancy Lightbody  
Genesis 32:22-30

**SERMON**      Rev. Amelia Edson

**\*HYMN**      "O Word of God Incarnate"      No. 322  
*Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.*

## **THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **PREFACE**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **RETELLING THE STORY**

### **THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE SUNG LORD'S PRAYER**      No. 307

### **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

"Slow Down"      Edwin T. Childs

Chancel Choir

*You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Masithi” (“Sing Amen”)

No. 30

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” arr. Dan Forrest & Douglas E. Wagner

† Musical material is presented under CCLI License #11176026

\* *Please stand in body or spirit*

*We strive to use a diversity of language to describe God, in line with the diversity of images and metaphors in our Scripture. Many hymns and prayers default to male language. Please use the language that allows you to worship best, knowing that all human speech about God is metaphoric and ultimately incomplete.*



Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman

Ushers: Kathie Sinnett, Chan Sinnett

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais