

# 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**

#### **WELCOME & 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**

## CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: We come to encounter God, the Eternal Spirit, who had been made known to us in Jesus our brother.

All: We come to testify to God's deeds.

One: God called the worlds into being, created us in the Divine image, and set before us the ways of life and death.

All: We come to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and become servants in the service of others.

One: We seek strength to proclaim the Gospel and resist the powers of evil.

All: We come to share in Christ's baptism and his passion and victory over sin and death.

One: We yearn for the forgiveness of our shortcomings, and the grace of new beginnings.

All: We come for courage in the struggle for justice and peace, remembering God's presence in our lives, and anticipating that eternal life in the realm which has no end.

One: Let us worship our God, who transforms our lives and our world!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

#### PRAYER OF 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	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE	John 2:1-11	Lydia Hill
THE SERMON		Rev. Edson
CELEBRATION OF	BAPTISM (insert)	Rev. Edson
SPECIAL MUSIC		Ann Sanborn

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## 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** "Pass It On" Chancel Choir

**BENEDICTION** 

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Go in Peace"

## **POSTLUDE**

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

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy
Music: Virginia Eddy, Ann Sanborn

Ushers: Jo and Joe Blinick

Liturgist: Lydia Hill

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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**Next Sunday's Lectionary** 

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Cor 12:12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

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