



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



*Guiding Star Words*

10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023



## 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 *(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.**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**      “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”      arr. Raymond Weidner

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, we gather today to celebrate and cultivate mercy, grace, faith, and forgiveness

**All: Not because those things come easily to us**

One: because we are in desperate need of them.

**All: We come to meet each other**

One: Not because we have things in common

**All: because other people challenge our assumptions, increase our compassion, and help us see the complexity of God.**

One: We come to worship God

**All: Not because we are all good,**

One: because we seek to worship something greater than our own selves, and to acknowledge our own dependence, interdependence, and need.

**All: We gather to worship.**

One: Let us begin.

## CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

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One: The compassion of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

**All: God's mercy is new every morning.**

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Children are invited to join our Director of Youth and Family Programs, Hannah Daly, for Kids' Church downstairs. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.*

*HYMN	"Day by Day"	No. 599
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 4:12-23	Laurie Davis
LAY SERMON		Kathie Sinnett
*HYMN	"We Call Ourselves Disciples"	No. 357, v. 1,3,5

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY	"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"	Rodgers & Wyse
	Chancel Choir	Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

*DOXOLOGY		No. 46
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Go Light Your World”

Chris Rice

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle, and go light your world  
Take your candle, and go light your world.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought!”

arr. Robert J.  
Powell

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\* *Please stand in body or spirit*



### **Next Sunday’s Lectionary**

Micah 6:1-8; Psalms 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Lay Preacher:	Kathie Sinnett
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Ushers:	Peggy Horton, Mark Horton
Liturgist:	Laurie Davis
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

*Following worship, all are invited to gather in  
Beinema Hall for our annual meeting. Lunch will be provided.*

*This meeting is open to members (voting)  
and non-members (non-voting).*