Falmouth Congregational Church

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# **10:00 AM FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 29, 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** “Grace Greater Than Our Sins” arr. James Pethel

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God of grace, You have given us minds to know You

**All: hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise.**

One: Fill us with Your Spirit

**All: that we may celebrate Your glory**

One: and worship You in spirit and in truth;

**All: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**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** “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” No. 16

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:1-12 Cathy Bowden

**LAY SERMON**  Tom Crosby

**BLESSING OF GUIDING STAR WORDS**

**\*HYMN** “Amazing Grace!” No. 546

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

 **OFFERTORY** “Sing Them Over Again to Me”arr. Gilbert Martin

Chancel Choir

 Kristen Tripp, solo

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 46

**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**

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**ORGAN POSTLUDE** “Toccata on ‘Amazing Grace’” J. Christopher Pardini

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**Next Sunday’s Lectionary**

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalms 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20

## Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Lay Preacher: Tom Crosby

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Ushers: Judy Crosby, Tom Crosby

Liturgist: Cathy Bowden

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

*Please join us for refreshments provided by the Christian Education Committee following the service.*

1. *Book of Common Worship*, Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)