



# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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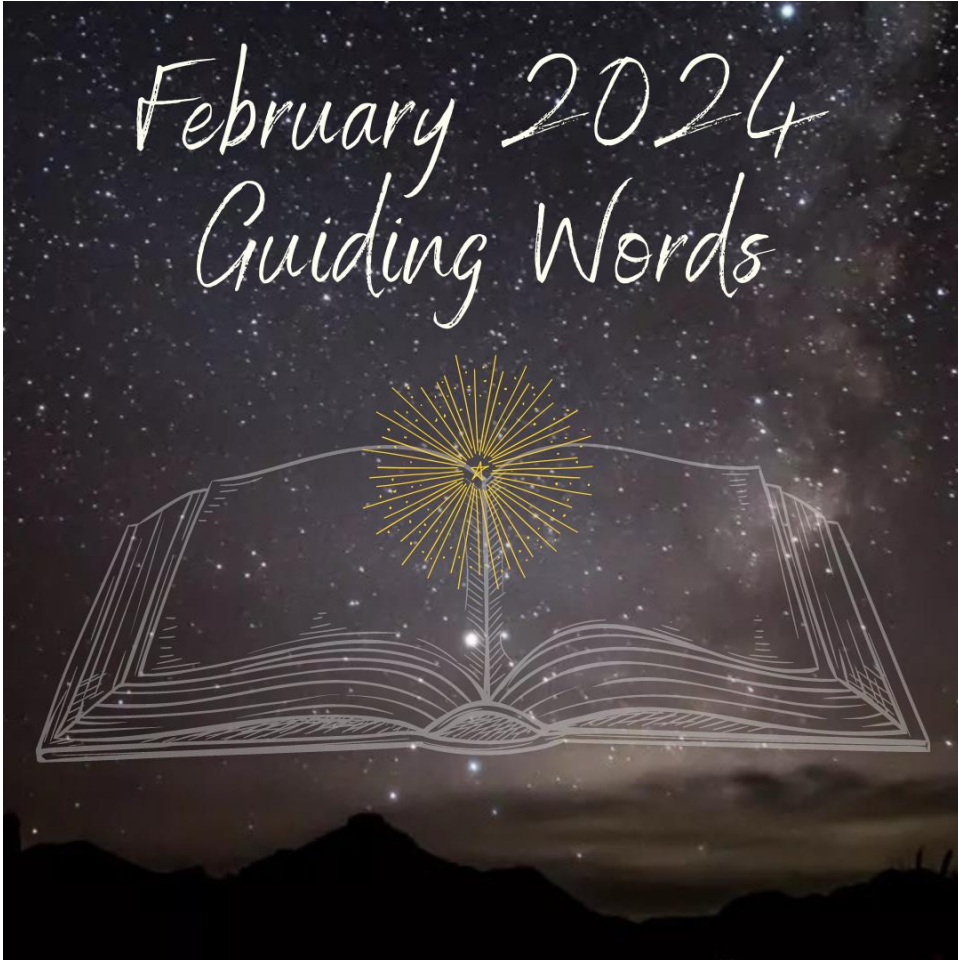
An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Reverend Amelia Edson

Settled Pastor & Teacher



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Guiding Words



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10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 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** “Phantasy on the Hymn ‘Holy, Holy, Holy” Piet Post

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRELUDE** “Meditation on Holy, Holy, Holy” Charles Callahan

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>** Lydia Hoffman

One: We gather, O God, to thank You for what is good.

**All: We gather, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.**

One: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

**All: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.**

One: Let us worship God.

**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.**

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from writing by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’. Used with permission.

**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 in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**      “Holy, Holy, Holy”      No. 4

**SCRIPTURE**      Leviticus 5:4-7, 6:1-7, 7:37-38      Ann Sanborn

**INTERGENERATIONAL SERMON**      Rev. Amelia Edson

**\*HYMN**      “We Gather Together”      No. 276  
*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**

“Hear My Words”

Chancel Choir

Stephen Paulus

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<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		No. 46
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		
<b>*BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>	“Masithi” (“Sing Amen”) South African song of praise	No. 30
<b>ORGAN POSTLUDE</b>	“Trumpet Tune in D Major”	Paul Fey

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\* *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

Guest Organist/Choir Director: Ray Cornils

Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman

Ushers: Paul Davis, Karin Kurry

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

