



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



10:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 12, 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 Love That Will Not Let Me Go” arr. Robert J. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God we rejoice in Your everlasting love.

All: A love that satisfies our every need.

One: Amazing love how can it be,

All: that Thou my God shouldst die for me?

One: Were the whole realm of nature mine,

All: that were an offering far too small;

One: Love so amazing, so divine,

All: Demands my soul, my life, my all.

CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Loving God, though we sinned,

All: Your love is new every morning.

One: So we rejoice in the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 517, vs. 1, 3, 4
(To tune "Blaenwern," No. 690)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 29:14b-30
1 John 4:7-16 Jim Scherer

SERMON "A Fine Romance" Rev. Desmond Parker

***HYMN** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 195

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "I Must Tell Jesus"
Chancel Choir arr. Mark Hayes

***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** "Day by Day" No. 599

**Day by day, day by day,
O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day,
by day, by day, by day.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Desmond Parker
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Ushers:	Jo Blinick, Joe Blinck
Liturgist:	Jim Scherer
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Special thanks to Reverend Desmond Parker who is filling in for Pastor Amelia today.

Rev. Desmond is a retired member of the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was born in Nottingham, England (i.e., Robin Hood, Sherwood Forest and William Booth). He did his Theological training at Richmond College (University of London) and served in British Methodism for six years before coming to the States in 1966. Rev. Desmond's wife, Mary, grew up in Long Branch, New Jersey and Litchfield, Maine. They have been married for 28 years and are blessed with a combined family of 6 children and 5 grandchildren.

Please join us for refreshments provided by the Ministry of Community Life following the service.