

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

John Wilcox

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

"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" John Wilcox Mark Hayes

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Gracious God, we gather today to celebrate and cultivate mercy, grace, 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: But 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.

¹ Call to worship inspired by Nadia Boltz Weber's introduction to *The Corners* https://thecorners.substack.com/

CALL TO 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 "Trust and Obey" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 6:17-26 Ann Sanborn

THE SERMON Rev. Edson

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow" John & Eunice

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 "Shall We Gather at the River" Chancel Choir

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace" Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE "March Pontificale" John Wilcox

Charles Gounod

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, Beth Stouder

Special Music: Eunice and John Wilcox Ushers: Mark and Peggy Horton

Liturgist: Ann Sanborn

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Gen 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38

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