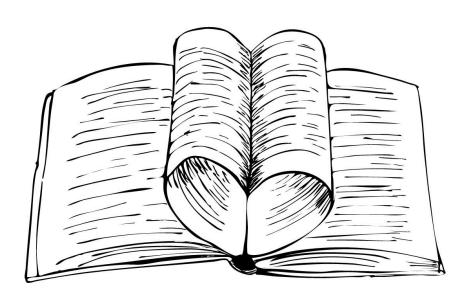


# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



Serving Christ and Community since 1754
An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Settled Pastor & Teacher

# This is our Story



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# 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

"A Renaissance Dance"

Suzanna van Soldt

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

# THIS IS OUR STORY [video]

PRELUDE "Hour of Peace" Florence Price

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lydia Hoffman

One: We believe God knows all of our stories. We believe God will guide us.

All: God, we trust in Your love.

One: When we long for a sign, a presence, a spark of Spirit close by

All: God, we trust in Your story

One: When we hunger, when we thirst, when we cry

All: God, we trust in Your mercy.

One: When we do not know what next step to take

All: God we trust in Your love.

One: When all else fails, God we trust in Your love.

All: Amen.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lydia Hoffman

One: God, we admit to You, each other, and ourselves that we have been captured by stories that aren't true.

All: Stories that promise more, but only for some. That promises happiness, but only for ours. Stories that say we are the center, the point, and the only thing that matters.

One: Love us into Your story, Lord God. Help us to want what is holy.

All: Help us to love ourselves as Your creatures, our neighbors as ourselves, and the world as Your gift and creation.

One: Help us to live the good news.

All: Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lydia Hoffman

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

All: God's mercy is new every morning, great is God's faithfulness.

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 Kristen Tripp for Kids' Church. Kids' Church will meet until worship is over, there will be no second hour.

\*HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" No. 23, vs. 1, 2, 5

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 5:6-22 Jim Parr

**SERMON** Lydia Hoffman

**\*HYMN** "Your Love, O God" No. 71

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Be Still, and Know That I am God" Roberta Bitgood Chancel Choir

You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC

\*DOXOLOGY No. 46

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION "Masithi" ("Sing Amen") No. 30

**RESPONSE** South African song of praise

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Exultate Deo" Rosalie Bonighton

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 & Preaching: Lydia Hoffman

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Guest Organist/Choir Director: Ray Cornils
Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman

Ushers: Peggy Horton, Mark Horton

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Musical material is presented under CCLI License #11176026

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand in body or spirit