



# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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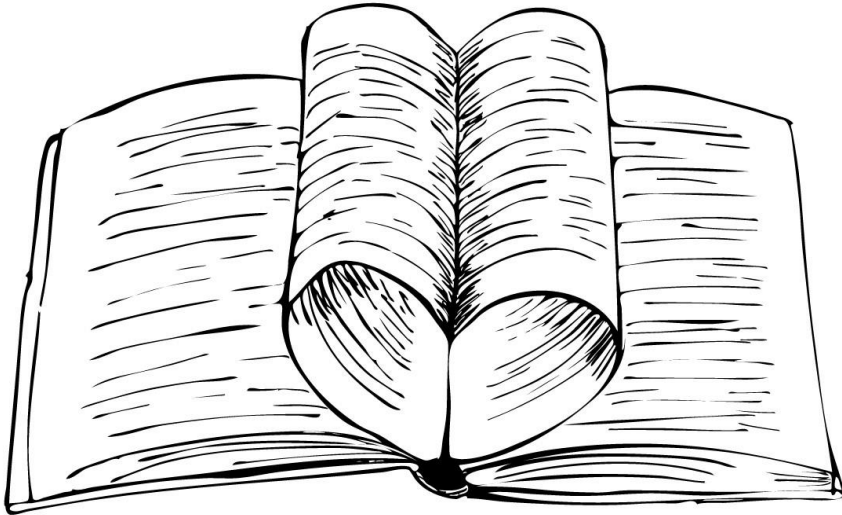
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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

### 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]

**ORGAN PRELUDE** “As the Deer” with “Largo’ by Dvorak” arr. Sprunger

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

One: We gather to remember God’s story

**All: We gather to tell it**

One: We gather to remember God’s story

**All: We gather to live it**

One: We gather to remember God’s story

**All: We gather to sing it**

One: Until our memory is full of God’s promises, and God’s love, and God’s song

**All: And our very lives are transformed into sacrament**

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> See “A Vision” Wendell Berry

**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 our Minister of Children and Families, Lydia Hoffman, for Kids' Church. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.*

**\*HYMN** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" No. 614

**SCRIPTURE** Judges 3:12-15, 28-30  
Ruth 1:15-18 Nancy Lightbody

**SERMON** Rev. Amelia Edson

**\*HYMN** "Wonderful Words of Life" No. 323  
*Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

"Ruth's Song" Marty Goetz &  
Chancel Choir; Alicia Johnson, solo Misha Goetz Hoyt  
*You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

**\*BENEDICTION**

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RESPONSE**

“Blessed Assurance” (Refrain)

No. 543

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“Preludium” from “Te Deum”

Charpentier  
arr. Roberson

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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

Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman

Ushers: Kathie Sinnett, Chan Sinnett

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



*Forms for ordering Easter flowers are now available in Fellowship Hall. All orders must be received by March 17 for inclusion in the Easter bulletin.*

