



Falmouth Congregational Church
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Settled Pastor & Teacher



Lenten Sermon Series



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

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10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Will you give me a drink?

March 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 “Sonata for Two Flutes and Piano” Georg P. Telemann
Betsy Hooper, violin; Mary Carol Kennedy, flute; Jan Stover, piano

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.

SEEKING GOD

PRELUDE “Simple Gifts” arr. Yo-Yo Ma
Betsy Hooper, violin and Mary Carol Kennedy, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The snow has taken the water from the air

All: We long for spring to come and fill the rivers again

One: Distractions have taken our focus from You

All: We long for Your Spirit to flow within us

One: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God

All: You are living water, O God.

One: You make streams flow from rock, rain fall on parched earth, and the wilderness blossom. Life abounds.

All: We have come to the well. Let us drink.

One: Let us worship. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON¹

One: God of mercy, hear the prayers of Your thirsting people. For every time we have attributed Your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone,

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: For every time we failed to water what was good inside our hearts or within our world,

All: Forgive us, we pray.

One: For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence, and our indifference to the suffering around us,

All: Forgive us, loving God, and quench our thirst with Your grace;

One: Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion.

All: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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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 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** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" No. 73

SCRIPTURE John 4:5-42 Sarah Davis

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "Just As I Am" See screen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

¹ Adapted from a Prayer of Confession written by Renee C. Jackson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “If You Search With All Your Heart”
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “The Blessing Song”

Dennis Jernigan

**May the Lord answer you in the day of your trouble
May the name of the Lord be your strong, mighty tower
May God grant you your heart’s deepest dreams and desires
God will hear you each time you call
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ORGAN POSTLUDE “Allegro” from “Sonata in F” Georg Frideric Handel
Betsy Hooper, violin; Mary Carol Kennedy, flute; Jan Stover, organ

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Thank you to our worship participants:

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| Presiding: | Rev. Amelia Edson |
| Minister of Music: | Jan Stover |
| Ushers: | Nancy Wulbrecht, Cathy Bowden |
| Liturgist: | Sarah Davis |
| Online Worship: | Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais |

Please join us for refreshments following the service.