



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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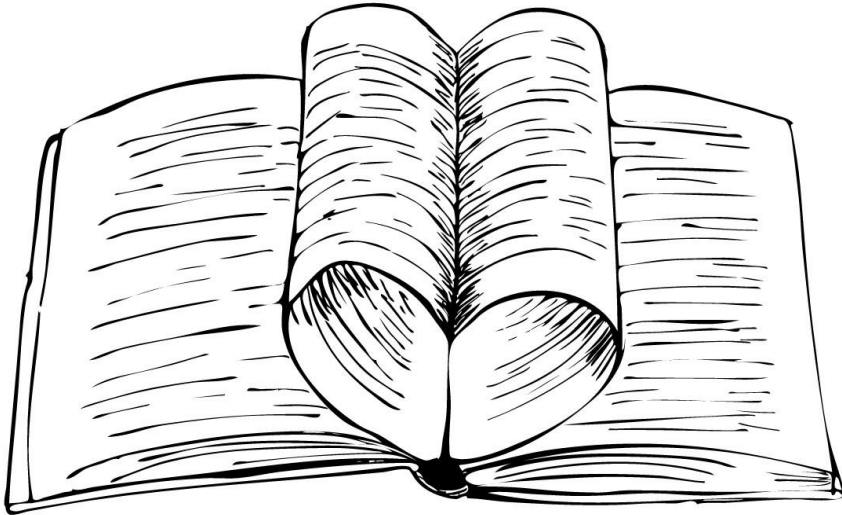
An Open and Affirming Congregation

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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul”

Georg Böhm

THIS IS OUR STORY [video]

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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

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

¹ 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

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 Kids' Church.
. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.*

***HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 25, vs. 1,2,5

SCRIPTURE **1 & 2 Samuel**
Philippians 3:4b-14 Marilee Beinema

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "In Christ Alone" See Screen
Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"I Will Wait For You" arr. David Angerman
Chancel Choir
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 “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Setting by
Michael Burkhardt

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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: Kim Hendry, Sarah Davis

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Forms for ordering Easter flowers are now available in Fellowship Hall. Today is the last day for ordering Easter flowers.

