

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



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The Reverend Amelia Edson
Settled Pastor & Teacher

Lenten Sermon Series



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10:00 AM

PALM SUNDAY Where are you headed?

April 2, 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

Grace and Mickey Johnson, 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.

PROCESSIONAL "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" from "Godspell" Stephen

Chancel Choir Schwartz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The crowds in Jerusalem shouted -

All: Hosanna! Save us!

One: We too cry out. Lord God. Come amongst us this morning and equip us

for the work of Your kingdom

All: and prepare us for the joy of Your presence. Hosanna!

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Loving God, we lower our heads before You and confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours.

All: We carry on our lives as if there was no God, and fall short of what You hope for us.

One: We ask Your forgiveness and for Your strength.

All: Give us clear minds and open hearts. Remind us to be who You would have us be.

One: Help us to not lose sight of You, or Your hopes for our world and for our

lives.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8:38-39)

All: For I am convinced 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 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

No. 192

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11

Caroline Pond

INTERGENERATIONAL SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

No. 422

THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RETELLING THE STORY

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*THE SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

No. 307

OFFERTORY "The Palms" Jean-Baptiste Faure

*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

POSTLUDE "Celtic Hosanna" Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Ushers: Jennifer Major, Julia Poppell, Jim Parr

Liturgist: Caroline Pond

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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The flowers that grace the chancel today are given in honor of our Kids' Church for participation in today's Palm Sunday intergenerational worship service.

From Beth Stouder and Bill Nugent

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the service.

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