

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



An Open and Affirming Congregation The Reverend Amelia Edson Serving Christ and Community since 1754



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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

GATHERING MUSIC

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" St. Theodulph/arr. Jones "St. Theodulph"

Arr. Lani Smith

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.

PRELUDE

"Lift Up Your Heads" Truro/arr. Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Cry out, people of faith!

Rejoice and praise God!

All: If we did not sing praise,

the very stones would cry out!

One: Cry out people of faith,

For your Savior draws near to Jerusalem.

AII: Hosanna! God saves!

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name!

CHILDREN'S SONG

"Hosanna Rock"

Children of FCC



UNISON PRAYER¹

One: Let us pray together...

All: God of Joy and Arrival, enter our lives as Christ entered Jerusalem. May we celebrate your coming. May we cry out with the stones so the world might hear your glad arrival. Yet do not leave us in the events to come. This joyous crowd which greets you will turn and flee. From a crowd of hosannas, we turn into a silent, denying crowd at the Cross. Do not leave us in the events to come. Even though we may leave you, do not leave us, O Christ. Then forgive us, so we can return to you changed. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35 Ann Sanborn

THE SERMON Rev. Diane Bennekamper

ANTHEM "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

HYMN "All Glory Laud and Honor" Chancel Choir

BENEDICTION

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BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE "Hosannah!" Jacques Lemmons/ arr. Jones

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Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Diane Bennekamper

Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder

Music: Nancy Wines-DeWan

Ushers: Joe & Jo Blinick Liturgist: Ann Sanborn

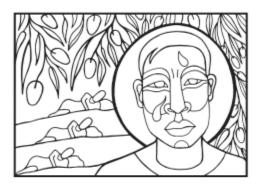
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; John 20:1-18





WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING? By Lauren Wright Pittman Inspired by Luke 22:39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives;

and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

ARTIST'S STATEMENT Why are you sleeping? It's a simple question. In this case, it's a heartbreaking question. In anguish, Jesus prays for God to take this cup from him, though he still insists that God's will be done—an image of undeniable faithfulness. I imagine Jesus daydreamed of ways he could get out of his imminent torture and death while blood and sweat poured from his body. I imagine his dreams of circumventing this path came crashing down when he found his disciples fast asleep. Why are you sleeping? In my reading of this text, I can feel the profound disappointment and exasperated anger of Jesus as he is almost comically abandoned by his community. In the midst of his most desperate cry for help his support system is taking a nap. This is just one of the millions of ways we as humanity have spectacularly failed in following Christ. I imagine in the moment Jesus awoke the disciples the chilling reality of his coming pain ran up his spine. He would be rejected, abandoned, betrayed, denied, and nailed to a tree. ~Lauren Wright Pittman, | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org