



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Serving Christ and Community since 1754
An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Settled Pastor & Teacher



Signs of Life

10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Welcome! If you would like more information about our community,
please fill out a **blue visitor card**.*

Words in bold print are spoken in unison.

GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE

“Where’er You Walk”
Ann Sanborn, saxophone;
John Wilcox, piano

G.F. Handel
arr. Clair Johnson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

No. 215

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Even now, green shoots come out of the ground, reaching for the sun

All: where there was nothing, there is life.

One: If flowers and vines can push from the darkness, towards the light

All: we can, too.

One: Even now, hope blossoms where there was only despair

All: a way from no way.

One: If hope blooms, even in this imperfect world

All: it can grow in our hearts, too.

One: Even now, the doors to hell stand open,

All: Jesus defeated death, love wins.

One: If that is true

All: it is true for us, too.

One: Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah!

PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL

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.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:1-7
John 20:19-31

INTERGENERATIONAL SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

"Sing My Song Backwards"
Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

No. 334

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"May the Peace of God"
Chancel Choir

Kristyn & Keith Getty

You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC

*DOXOLOGY

No. 46

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “May the Peace of God”

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ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

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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: Karin Kurry, Jim Parr

Acolyte: Caroline Pond

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais