



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



10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 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 print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST LIGHT

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 216

WELCOME

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Forever”

Kari Jobe

Alicia Johnson, vocal; Virginia Eddy, guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Dawn breaks. Light out of darkness. Life out of death. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: God has made this new day.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" No. 222

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18 Jim Parr

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "Now the Green Blade Rises" No. 230, vs. 1, 2, 4

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY "He Is Risen Like He Said" Tom Fettke
Women's Choir

***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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "O Praise the Name (Anastasis)" Sampson, Hastings
Chancel Choir & Ussher

*BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL "Fanfare" Jean Joseph Mouret
William Howard, trumpet; Jan Stover, organ

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music: Jan Stover
Ushers: Kim Mason, Lydia Hill, Karin Kurry, Lauren Jordy
Liturgist: Jim Parr
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

A special welcome to our guest trumpeter this morning. William Howard (Will) is a senior at Falmouth High School. He has been the recipient of many awards in music, most recently as "Outstanding Musician" at the Jazz All-State festival of the Maine Music Educators Association. Will has also been a frequent trumpeter for multiple organizations in the town of Falmouth. In the fall Will is headed to Cornell University, where we wish him all the best!

Welcome to Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Formed by worship, Falmouth Congregational Church, UCC is a vibrant, open-minded and welcoming Christian community. You are welcome here!

For the youngest members of our community, we offer **Kids' Church** led by Hannah Daly, the Director of Youth and Family Ministries. Children play games, make art projects, bake, sing and dance, act and perform to understand the stories of the bible. Our program runs most Sundays from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. We also have a fully staffed nursery for children under the age of four. All staff and volunteers are background checked.

Today, children are invited to stay and worship with their families. Busy bags are available on the table outside the entrance to the Sanctuary. If needed, our unstaffed nursery is available for parents to use today. Kids' Church and our staffed nursery care will resume next Sunday. Visiting children are always welcome!



Mission Statement

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ
is a Christian community of faith which:

- * Serves God with love and worship.
- * Serves our church family with loving mutual support and provides opportunities for spiritual growth.
- * Serves all of God's creation with compassion, generosity, justice and stewardship.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31