



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please
fill out a blue visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*Children under 5 can choose to play in our **fully staffed nursery** at any time –
ask an usher to show you the way.*

GATHERING MUSIC

PIANO PRELUDE

“Resurrection Medley”

arr. Larry Shackley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

“Morning Has Broken”

No. 53

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are invited to join Kids' Church until 12, optional early pick-up at 11.

All staff and volunteers are trained and background checked.

***HYMN** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" No. 638

SCRIPTURE Hosea 3:1-3a; Joel 2:22-24
Luke 24:36b-48 Alyce Graves

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" No. 342, v. 1,2,3
Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC

***DOXOLOGY** No. 46

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "May the Peace of God" See screen

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Coronation" Charles Callahan

** 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: Joel Pond, Kathy Sinnett, Chan Sinnett

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

