



# 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 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

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

Darwall's Fantasia  
("Rejoice, the Lord Is King!")

John S. Dixon

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### \*HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

No. 222

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: It is a good and joyful thing to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**All: God, we trust in Your love.**

One: The darkness has passed, fear and doubt are behind us.

**All: God, we believe in Your grace.**

One: Where once there was despair, now there is hope

**All: God, we give thanks for hope!**

One: Once lost, now we walk together with the love of the risen Christ.

**All: Hallelujah!**

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**All: Amen.**

## 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** "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" No. 87

**SCRIPTURE** Jonah 3:1-5,10 Virginia Eddy

**SERMON** Lydia Hoffman

**\*HYMN** "It Is Well with My Soul" No. 561, v. 1-3  
*Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

"Take Time to Be Holy" arr. Marianne Axman  
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** "Recessional in C" John S. Dixon

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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:

Preaching: Lydia Hoffman  
Minister of Music: Jan Stover  
Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman  
Ushers: Michael Johnson, Larry Perry  
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

