



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



EASTERTIDE SERMON SERIES

When it Was Still Yet Dark



10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 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 the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

GATHERING MUSIC

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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Rhosymedre”

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Gracious God, we gather today to remember that we have everything we need

All: But not by ourselves

One: there is enough for all of us

All: But only as a whole

One: Not everything is possible for us

All: But everything is possible for You

One: We are only a little sliver of holiness, mostly all muddled up

All: But together our slivers show us more and more of God, and of what is true

One: the world tells us to work harder and get control

All: but You tell us to worship and give thanks

One: Let us begin.

¹ Inspired by the writings of Kate Bowler on living Easter in an imperfect world.
Come talk about it in our small group after church!

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

Children are invited to join our Director of Youth and Family Programs, Hannah Daly, for Kids' Church downstairs. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.

***HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 25, vs. 1,2,4,5

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35 Lydia Hill

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 464, vs. 1,4,5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *You can donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC*
"The Commission" Cain
Virginia Eddy and Alicia Johnson

***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.**

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “O Praise the Name”

See insert
Sampson, Hastings & Ussher

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“God of Grace”

arr. Paul Manz

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Guest Organist:	Matt Emkey
Ushers:	Sue Perry, Larry Perry
Liturgist:	Lydia Hill
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Special thanks to Matt Emkey who is filling in while Jan Stover is away.

We are pleased to let you know that Falmouth Congregational Church may now receive your offerings via Venmo by using the name “@FalmouthUCC” or by searching “Falmouth Congregational Church UCC” in Venmo, under the “Charities” section.

Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the service.