



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

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Eastertide Sermon Series **When it Was Still Yet Dark**

10:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 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

Joe Blinick

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.

PRELUDE

“You Raise Me Up” Lovland & Graham,
Jennie Stephens & Jan Stover, piano duet arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to encounter God, the Eternal Spirit, who had been made known to us in Jesus our brother.

All: We come to testify to God’s deeds.

One: God called the worlds into being, created us in the Divine image, and set before us the ways of life and death.

All: We come to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and become servants in the service of others.

One: We seek strength to proclaim the Gospel and resist the powers of evil.

All: We come to share in Christ's baptism and his passion and victory over sin and death.

One: We yearn for the forgiveness of our shortcomings, and the grace of new beginnings.

All: We come for courage in the struggle for justice and peace, remembering God's presence in our lives, and anticipating that eternal life in the realm which has no end.

One: Let us worship our God, who transforms our lives and our world!

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 ~ Blessing of the Water ~

***HYMN** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" No. 233

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47 Kim Hendry

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

BAPTISM (*see inserts*)

***HYMN** "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" No. 75

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC*
"My Jesus I Love Thee" arr. Mark Hayes
Marilee Beinema & Jennie Stephens, vocal duet

***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 screen
(Sing twice) Sampson, Hastings & Ussher

ORGAN POSTLUDE “The Trumpet Shall Sound” G.F. Handel

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Guest Musicians:	Joe Blinick, Jennie Stephens, Marilee Beinema
Ushers:	Kim Hendry, Steve Hendry
Liturgist:	Kim Hendry
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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