



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Serving Christ and Community since 1754

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Settled Pastor & Teacher

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

10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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.

PRELUDE “My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker” Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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.

¹ UCC Statement of Faith

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

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** "My Hope Is Built" No. 537

SCRIPTURE John 14:1-14 Marilee Beinema

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" No. 518

THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RETELLING THE STORY

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

***THE SUNG LORD'S PRAYER** No. 307

