



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 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

“Believe”
Grace Johnson, piano

Ballard & Silvestri

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

“Candle on the Water”
Kristen Tripp, vocal solo

Kasha & Hirschhorn

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (Luke 13:34-35)

One: Come, let us worship our Creator—

All: The Rock who bore us, the God who gave us birth.

One: Our Creator longs to gather us under Her wings.

All: We long to rest near the Divine heartbeat.

One: In this sacred space of worship, God’s longing and our longing meet.

All: Like sheltered chicks, Like little children,

One: Let us rest near the heart of our mothering God—

All: Gathered under Her warm, strong wings. Amen.

¹ Adapted from Call to Worship on Spacious Faith blog

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.

***HYMN** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" No. 23, vs. 1, 3, 5

INTERGENERATIONAL SCRIPTURE MESSAGE

Scriptures in this week's reading include: Psalm 131; Luke 13:34; Deuteronomy 32:18; Isaiah 32:18, 42:14; Matthew 23:14; Isaiah 43:44; Proverbs 8; Hosea 13:8

SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" No. 83

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC*

"Because He Lives"
Chancel Choir

Bill Gaither,
arr. Jack Schrader

***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

“Menuet Gothique”

Leon Boellmann

† Musical material is presented under CCLI License #11176026

* *Please stand in body or spirit*

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Guest Musicians:	Grace Johnson, Kristen Tripp
Ushers:	Alyce Graves, Bill Nugent
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



The carnations are given today by Carol Kauffman in loving memory of Harold W. Kauffman and to honor mothers, nurses and other caregivers in our congregation during National Nurses Week.

Feel free to take a carnation at the end of the service.

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.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11