



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 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

“Adoration”

Florence B. Price

Barbara Graustein, cello

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.

¹ From The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

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. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Hannah Daly

***HYMN**

"Guide My Feet"

See screens

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:44-53

Lydia Hill

SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

See insert

***HYMN**

"Living for Jesus"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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"This Is My Commandment"

Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir; Barbara Graustein, cello

***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 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Setting by
Michael Burkhardt

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music: Jan Stover
Ushers: Nancy Wulbrecht, Kim Mason, Lydia Hill
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais


The flowers that grace the chancel today
are given in honor of Linda McGill and Bill Nugent
in celebration of their birthdays.
With love from the Edson Family


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Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the service to greet and welcome our newest members.



Next Sunday's Lectionary
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39