



# 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



10:00 AM

Graduate Sunday  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 11, 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**

“Peace Like a River”  
Bell Choir

arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God, the giver of all good gifts—

**All: help us to recognize them, utilize them, and cultivate them**

One: so we might walk in Your ways

**All: and give glory to Your name**

One: help us to grow in grace and truth

**All: today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

One: In this time of sanctuary we are given space to consider our lives,  
holding them up against the example of Christ.

**All: We confess, O God, that we find ourselves wanting.**

One: There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one  
another, and from You.

**All: We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow.**

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon adapted from the “Hold Fast to What Is Good” blog.

One: For fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out,

**All: Lord, You call us into reconciliation and wholeness, with each other and with You.**

One: Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations.

**All: Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Only Thou Art Holy"  
Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

Congregation sing on verse 4:

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons,  
Blessed Trinity!**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Romans 4:13-25

Nancy Lightbody

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Amelia Edson

#### **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES**

Peggy Horton  
Ministry of Education

#### **\*HYMN**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

No. 342,  
vs. 1, 2 & 3

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

“You Raise Me Up”  
Jessica Collins, solo

Lovland & Graham

## \*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

“Go In Peace”

No. 445

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Meditation in F”  
Bell Choir

Michael Helman

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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:	Chan Sinnett, Larry Perry
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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*Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the service in celebration of our graduates.*



### **Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7) & Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (or Exodus 19:2-8a & Psalm 100);  
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)