



# Falmouth Congregational Church

## United Church of Christ

Serving Christ and Community since 1754

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2023

Father's Day



## 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

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Brant Adams

Ann Sanborn, saxophone

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

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!

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<sup>1</sup> The Call to Worship is adapted from the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

## CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>2</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**

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

Hannah Daly

*Children are invited to join our Director of Youth and Family Programs, Hannah Daly, for Kids' Church downstairs. Kids' Church will end at 11 AM today.*

<b>*HYMN</b>	"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (The Black National Anthem)	No. 631
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Proverbs 4:11-12	Lydia Hill
<b>SERMON</b>		Chris Davis
<b>*HYMN</b>	"Faith of our Fathers"	No. 635

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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<sup>2</sup> Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon adapted from the "Hold Fast to What Is Good" blog.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**OFFERTORY**

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

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Everett Titcomb

Marilee Beinema, soprano

**\*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.**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*BLESSING RESPONSE**

"Go In Peace"

No. 445

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

"Fanfares"

Edwin T. Childs

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\* *Please stand in body or spirit*

Thank you to our worship participants:

Worship Leader: Laurie Davis  
Minister of Music: Jan Stover  
Ushers: Jim Parr, Linda McGill  
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

*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**

Genesis 21:8-21 & Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (or Jeremiah 20:7-13 & Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18);  
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39