



Falmouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Serving Christ and Community since

1754 Third Parish Church;

1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson

Settled Pastor

10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 4th, 2021



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

Doris Krueger, Organ
Barbara Graustein, Cello

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

“America, the Beautiful”

Samuel A. Ward

Marilee Beinema

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord we gather together in search of salvation

All: We gather to worship Christ, who rescues creation from the absurdity of sin,

One: from the emptiness and waste of death, from the forces that shatter living souls and pull us towards nothingness

All: Help us to hate these things with perfect hatred

One: And to love you with perfect love. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we have fallen short, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's grace is sufficient.

All: God's grace is sufficient for me, and sufficient for my neighbor.

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven.

HYMN

"God of the Ages,
Whose Almighty Hand"

Barbara Graustein &
Virginia Eddy

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Laurie Davis

THE SERMON

"Why Do Some People Dislike Christians?"

Rev. Edson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"
Barbara Graustein, Cello

Natalie Sleeth

THE FEAST OF COMMUNION

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

RETELLING THE STORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" Barbara Graustein,
Jack Gervais & Virginia Eddy

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE "O, Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Samuel A. Ward
Barbara Graustein, Cello

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Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.



*The chancel flowers are given by Jo Blinick in honor of Joe Blinick's birthday on July 1st.
Happy Birthday, Joe!*

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Music Committee:	Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Doris Krueger
Special Music:	Barbara Graustein, Jack Gervais
Ushers:	Jim Parr & Carol Kauffman
Liturgist:	Laurie Davis
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday's Lectionary

2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29

****The Church Office will be closed this week
and will reopen on July 12th****