

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ An Open and Affirming Congregation 267 Falmouth Road Falmouth, Maine 04105 207.781.3413



Serving Christ and Community since 1754 Third Parish Church; 1833 The Brick Church The Reverend Amelia Edson Settled Pastor 10:00 AM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

**GATHERING MUSIC** 

### 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

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

**Doris Krueger** 

### WELCOME

- CALL TO WORSHIP From the UCC Statement of Faith
- 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!

### 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 (Romans 8:38-39)

One: With Paul the Apostle we are convinced

All: that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God. Amen.

HYMN	"There is a Wideness in God's Mercy	" #73, Virginia Eddy
SCRIPTURE	Romans 12: 9-21, Philippians 4: 8-9	Nancy Lightbody
THE SERMON	"Take Me Out to the Ballgame"	Rev. Charles Erb
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Because He Lives"	Marliee Beinema, John & Eunice Wilcox

## 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

### BENEDICTION

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

**POSTLUDE** "Festive Trumpet Tune" \* Musical material is presented under CCLI License #1117602 David German

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



#### Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:

Rev. Charles Erb

Pinch hitting for Pastor Amelia this morning is The Rev. Charles E. Erb of Topsham, aka Chuck. An Upstate New Yorker by background, he is ordained 57 years and has served churches - including seminary field work - in ten different states. He and his wife Rebecca are classmates from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis which means they stem from the Evangelical and Reformed Church side of the UCC. Their children are Stephen of Cumberland, an R&D guy w. IDEXX, and Susan of Arkesden, UK, an international humanitarian consultant who specializes in the needs of the handicapped and elderly. Their grandson Matthew follows in his father's footsteps; granddaughter Hannah begins work at BU School of Theology post-Labor Day. Chuck and Rebecca are fortunate in having traveled in all fifty states and all Canadian provinces except NWT which they viewed from the air as well as in five of the seven continents. He is a bicycle enthusiast and has served as a docent at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens.

Music Committee:	Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Doris Krueger
Special Music:	John & Eunice Wilcox
Ushers:	Mark & Peggy Horton
Liturgist:	Nancy Lightbody
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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