



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



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity. - Simone Weil

LIFE OF THE CHURCH**WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness ”

William M. Runyan/
Diane Bish

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 52, verses 8-9)**

One: We come seeking refuge in God’s presence.

All: Like green olive trees, we come seeking sustenance in the house of the Lord.

One: Let us trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever, and give thanks for all God has done.

All: In the presence of the faithful, let us praise God’s name, for it is good.

***HYMN**

“Softly and Tenderly”

No. 340

PRAYER OF INVOCATION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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: 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.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Amos 8:4-8,11-12

Luke 10:38-42

(NRSV p.809; RSV p.812[†])

(NRSV p.62; RSV p.68[†])

THE SERMON

The Art of Paying Attention

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No. 570

THE OFFERTORY

“He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

Ann Sanborn, Alto Saxophone

Traditional/
Hochen Rieger

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER DEDICATION¹

One: O gracious God, let these gifts be expressions of our gratitude

All: Let them link us with you, with each other, and with the world you hold in your embrace.

One: May these gifts be harbingers of hope

All: and beacons of light against hopelessness and fear. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Great is Thy is Faithfulness”

No. 86

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go In Peace”

No. 445

POSTLUDE

“Variations on ‘Duke Street’”

John Hatton/
Edward Broughton

** During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.*

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

(*) **Please rise in body or spirit.**

† **NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side of the sanctuary and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.**



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-15,(16-19); Luke 11:1-13

¹ Prayer dedication inspired by a prayer from Henrietta United Methodist Church in Amherst, Ohio.

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**Worship Participants**

**Greeters:** Carol Dow  
**Liturgist:** Ann Sanborn  
**Ushers:** Larry and Sue Perry, Phil and Rae Pierce  
**Bus Driver:** Phil Pierce

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Jeaneen Coleman & Family
John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
Myron Krueger



Maytha Southard
Erlon and Faith Varney
Jennifer Bissell
Joan Jensen & Family

Please let the church office know if we have missed someone and please update us so that we may better pray for them. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Jess Dickson, the church office manager has a new email address: [FCCOffc@gmail.com](mailto:FCCOffc@gmail.com). Please update your records.

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Family Promise Guests arrive July 28th! We need volunteers to help us welcome unhoused and refugee families from July 28th- August 4th. Needs include setting up, cooking, laundry, and on-site hosting!

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**Family Promise needs your help** meeting the needs of these families. We are in need of food items for the week such as milk, juice, bread, cold cuts, and peanut butter. As well as items for babies and toddlers such as diapers, formula and wipes. We will be purchasing these items this week and whatever you are able to donate is appreciated.

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Drivers Needed: In anticipation of having an Asylum-Seeking family move into the Parsonage we are looking for volunteers who could assist with taking families to Portland for appointments, the grocery store, English language classes, etc. If you are able to drive, please sign up on the sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

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**The Ministry of Community Life and Called to Care** will be holding a **combined meeting on Wednesday, July 24 at 1 PM** in the Grant Room.

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The **August 9 Coffee House** will feature an **“Open Mic Night!”** Doors open at 6:30 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors to this family-friendly event! Come enjoy a hot beverage and listen to music from local artists. Admission is free but our coffee bar runs on free will donations. Please contact Kristen Coleman at davinci.experience@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to sing.

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The **Falmouth Food Pantry** will be open on the following days in July: Tuesday, July 23 from 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM; and Thursday, July 25 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM.



**June 17 – August 16**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – NOON,  
Closed on Friday**

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**Sunday, July 21**

10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

**Monday, July 22**

6:00 PM Fiddle-icious (Beinema Hall)

**Tuesday, July 16**

1:00 PM Ministry of Comm. Life & Called to Care Meeting (Grant Room)

**Sunday, July 21**

10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship  
11:30 AM Christian Education Meeting