



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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 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

Betsy Hooper, fiddle

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

“Simple Gifts”

Shaker Tune

Kendra Davis, vocal; Betsy Hooper, fiddle

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90:1-4, 12

One: Lord, You have been a haven from one generation to another

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth
were born, from age to age You are God**

One: You turn us back to the dust and say, “Go back, O child of earth.”

**All: For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is
past, and like a watch in the night**

One: So, teach us to number our days, so that we might apply our hearts to
wisdom. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, we confess we know the lure of sweet fruit, the false
comfort that comes from eating the bread of anxious toil, and the futility
of filling our lives with things that do not satisfy.

**All: Deliver us from all indulgence, acquisitiveness, and vanity, that we
might learn a nobler contentment.**

One: Let us not fear what emptiness we feel, but trust in Your kind providing.

All: Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (From Romans 8:38-39)

One: With Paul the Apostle,

All: we are convinced 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 in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kids' Church runs from September through June.

Children are welcome to stay and participate in worship. Busy bags are available.

***HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 56

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11:25-30 Laurie Davis

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "On Eagle's Wings" No. 77

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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"Down in the River to Pray" George H. Allen
Kendra Davis & Betsy Hooper

***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** “Day by Day”

No. 599

**Day by day, day by day,
O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day,
by day, by day, by day.**

POSTLUDE

Betsy Hooper, fiddle

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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
Usher:	Alyce Graves, Lydia Hill
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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“@FalmouthUCC” or by searching “Falmouth Congregational Church UCC” in
Venmo, under the “Charities” section.*



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b;
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52