

# 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





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# 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

"Fanfare Acclamation on 'Majesty"
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
I Rondo - II Canon - IV Siciliano
"Toccata on 'Ellacombe"
Jan Stover & Mark Thallander, organ

Thallander/Wilkin Michael Burkhardt

Thallander/Wilkin

#### **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

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Jan Stover, piano; Mark Thallander, organ Dan Miller

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Gracious God, we gather today to celebrate and cultivate mercy, grace, and forgiveness
- All: Not because those things come easily to us
- One: because we are in desperate need of them
- All: We come to meet each other
- One: Not because we have things in common
- All: because other people challenge our assumptions, increase our compassion, and help us see the complexity of God
- One: We come to worship God
- All: Not because we are all good,
- One: because we seek to worship something greater than our own selves, and to acknowledge our own dependence, interdependence, and need
- All: We gather to worship
- One: Let us begin.

# PRAYER OF 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: With Paul the Apostle we remember and proclaim,

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, are 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	"How Great Thou Art"	No. 33
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 14:13-21	Alyce Graves
SERMON	"An Everyday Miracle"	Mark Thallander, Virginia Eddy & Jan Stover
*HYMN	"I Come With Joy"	No. 420 vs. 1-4

# THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

# 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.

(Romans 8)

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### **RETELLING THE STORY**

# THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## **\*THE SUNG LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERTORY

You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC "Festival Voluntary" Charles Callahan Jan Stover & Mark Thallander, organ duet

#### \*DOXOLOGY

No. 46

No. 307

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Michael Burkhardt V. Carillon Jan Stover & Mark Thallander, organ duet

<sup>†</sup> Musical material is presented under CCLI License #11176026 \* *Please stand in body or spirit* 

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Minister of Music: Usher: Online Worship: Rev. Amelia Edson Jan Stover Alyce Graves Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



**Next Sunday's Lectionary** Genesis 37:1-4 and Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33