



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

10:00 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 11, 2019



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“We should live our lives as though Christ was coming this afternoon.”
- Jimmy Carter

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

"God's Wonderful People"
Vicki Miele

Lanny Wolfe

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 50)

One: The Lord our God speaks and summons the earth.

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the beauty of God's creation shines forth.

One: The Lord our God calls to the heavens above, and to the creatures below.

All: God summons God's people, calling us to faithfulness and reminding us of our promises.

One: Let us worship God!

All: Let us give God thanksgiving!

***HYMN**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

No. 560

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, we confess that we know the sweet rush of self-righteousness, the pernicious control of fear, the drowsy draft of apathy.

All: We confess that we have let what we should have done go undone, and have done things that weren't good for us, or for this world.

One: Forgive us our apathy, if we have closed the eyes of our hearts to the plight and pain of others.

All: Forgive us our selfishness, if we have sought first our own comfort and flourishing.

One: Forgive us our stridency, if our anger is not righteous.

All: Forgive us our despair, if we have neglected the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ.

One: For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive renew, and lead us,

All: So that we may delight in your will, and follow in your way, 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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

(NRSV p.198 ; RSV p. 209[†])

Luke 12:32-40

(NRSV p. 65; RSV p. 71[†])

THE SERMON

What are you Preparing for?

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN**

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

No. 589

During the singing of this hymn, Ushers will collect prayer cards for the Pastoral Prayer.

THE OFFERTORY

"The Rose"

Amanda McBroom

Jessica Collins and Kristen Coleman

***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 despair 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

“Sing My Song Backwards”

No. 334

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

Back Cover

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX”

Benedetto Marcello

* 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.

Visiting Falmouth Congregational this morning? Please fill out a blue visitor card and put it in the offering plate so that we can send you a (personal, non-spam) welcome email

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

Worship Participants

Greeters: Carol Dow
Liturgist: Sarah Davis
Ushers: Mark Horton, Peggy Horton, John Boothby
and Tyler Henderson
Bus Driver: Paul Davis



*The chancel flowers are given in Honor of
Jo Blinick's Birthday on her special birthday
With love from the other Joe.*

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Steve Whitman
John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
Janie Anderson



Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Erlon and Faith Varney
Jennifer Bissell
Dolores Vail

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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We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex. We encourage you to sign the guest book and fill out a Welcome card.

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LARGE print BULLETINS are available. Please ask an Usher if you would like one.
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**Drivers Needed:** We are looking for volunteers who could assist with taking our family of Asylum seekers, Elvine, Marcello and Marcella, to Portland for appointments, to the grocery store, to 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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****Annual Calendar Meeting & Potluck, August 15, 6-8 PM.****

Please contact Jess at fccoffc@gmail.com or 781-3413 to let her know if you will be attending the meeting and what you would like to contribute to the potluck dinner. Please don't forget to bring your calendars and a dish to share!

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**The Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in August:**

Monday, August 5, and 19: 9 – 11 AM; Tuesday, August 13, 20 and 27: 9:30 – 11:30 AM; Thursday, August 8, 15, and 22: 4:30 – 6:30 PM.



**June 17 – August 16**  
**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – NOON,**  
**Closed on Friday**  
**Church Phone: 207.781.3413**

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**Regular office hours resume**  
**Monday, August 19**  
**Monday – Thursday 9 AM– 3 PM**



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**  
Isaiah 1:1,10-20; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56



**Sunday, August 11**

10:00 AM

Worship Service

11:15 AM

Coffee Fellowship

**Monday, August 12**

6:00 PM

Fiddle-icious (Beinema Hall)

**Thursday, August 15**

6:00 PM

Calendar Meeting and Potluck

**Sunday, August 18** **September Congregator Deadline**

10:00 AM

Worship Service

11:15 AM

Coffee Fellowship

11:30 AM

Christian Education Meeting

## Go in Peace

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Unison

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Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

*f*  
Cel - e - brate and share the joy! Cel - e - brate new life!

*p*  
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you al - ways.

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