



# 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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 18, 2019



**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

“God loves us the way we are, and loves us too much to let us stay that way.”  
- Christian Saying

**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**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Lord, we come seeking a glimpse of your Holy City.

**All: Sing to us the songs of the promised land.**

One: Come into the wilderness of our lives

**All: and nourish us with the manna of your presence.**

One: Come amongst us

**All: and set our hearts on fire for You. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**“Marching to Zion”**

No. 707

**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**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

(NRSV p. 594; RSV p.602 †)

**Luke 12:49-56**

(NRSV p. 65; RSV p.71†)

#### **THE SERMON**

**A God Who Does not Give Up**

Rev. Amelia Edson

#### **\*HYMN**

**“Rise Up, O Saints of God”**

No. 611

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

#### **THE OFFERTORY**

#### **\*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 DEDICATION**

One: God, we present these offerings as a sign of our faith and hope

**All: We pray that, in the days ahead, our lives might be part of your answer to the cries of the world. 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      “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”      No. 705

### \*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE      “Go in Peace”      No.445

## POSTLUDE

\* 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!*

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## Worship Participants

**Greeters:** Ann Sanborn

**Liturgist:** Virginia Eddy

**Ushers:** Pam Carroll, Steve Hendry, Rodney and Anne Coleman

**Bus Driver:** Phil Pierce

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Steve Whitman  
John Graustein  
Maureen Grubb  
Ginny Hamilton



Janie Anderson  
Myron Krueger  
Maytha Southard  
Jennifer Bissell

Family and Friends of Mike Lamb  
Family and Friends of Fred Chase

*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.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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**June Bottle Redemption - We made \$475.10! Thank you** to David Horne, Cathy Bowden, Anne Coleman, Pam Carroll and all others who helped!

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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 with Virginia Eddy.

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**Forever Growing Summer Camp** ~ Begins: Monday, August 19 – Friday August 30.

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**The Falmouth Food Pantry will be open on the following days in August:**  
Thursday, August 22: 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

**Holly Days Fair:** Are you making summer jams or jellies? Staying cool doing handwork? Dreaming about cooler weather? **It's never too early to think about our Annual Holly Days Fair!** Put your summer projects to good use by donating some of them to our biggest fundraiser of the year. **This year's Holly Days Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23rd.** Look for more information in future bulletins, the Congregator and on the website. We hope everyone will be a part of this important and FUN event. Feel free to contact us with your ideas and any questions:

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**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday**

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

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

### **Monday, August 19 Regular Office Hours Resume ~ 9AM-3PM**

8:00 AM    Forever Growing Summer Camp Begins  
6:00 PM    Fiddle-icious (Beinema Hall)

### **Sunday, August 25**

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

## Go in Peace

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Unison

*mp*

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same tempo and dynamics.

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

The third system introduces a change in dynamics to *f* (forte). The melody in the treble staff features more rhythmic activity, including eighth notes and quarter notes. The bass staff accompaniment also becomes more complex with some double bass notes.

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

The fourth system returns to the dynamics of the first system, marked *p* (piano). The melody and accompaniment conclude the piece with a final chord in the bass staff.

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