



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

“You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore.”
— William Faulkner

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** (Based on Psalm 71)

One: We gather to remember that God rescues us, hears us, and saves us.

All: We take refuge in God, our strong fortress and strengthening rock.

One: We gather to remember that God is our hope.

All: Our trust is in God, from the time of our birth to this present moment.

One: We gather to praise God!

All: Let us praise God continuously!

***HYMN**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

No. 557

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(NRSV p. 657; RSV p.662 †)

Luke 13:10-17

(NRSV p. 66; RSV p.72†)

THE SERMON

Look Up! Praise God!

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN**

"They'll Know We are Christians"

No. 494

During 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: May these offerings be a sign of our willingness to help and heal, in new ways and old, in ways that are comfortable and in ways that are new.

All: That our lives might be used to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Worship Participants

Greeters: Carol Kauffman
Liturgist: Jim Parr
Ushers: Joe & Jo Blinick and Kim & Mollie Mason
Bus Driver: Paul Davis

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

**Louise Thomas
John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton**



**Janie Anderson
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Jaqueline Rogers**

**Norman and Bee O'Brien
Family and Friends of George Crockett
Friends and Family of Ottavia "Tavia" Corey**

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.



Falmouth Congregational Church is a fragrance-free environment. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products and/or similar products.



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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**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.** 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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FCC BUS DRIVERS Should you have trouble reaching any of the drivers, anyone will know who is driving. Please do call if you need to cancel your ride. This is sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

1st Sunday: Jack Davis <mailto:jgdavis@gmail.com>
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3rd Sunday: Phil Pierce <mailto:raefosterpierce@yahoo.com>
4th Sunday: Ann Sanborn <mailto:asanborn27@maine.rr.com>
5th Sunday: Mark Horton <mailto:horton04105@yahoo.com>

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**The Falmouth Food Pantry is open on the following days in September:**

Mondays:      September 9 and 23      9:00 AM -11:00 AM  
Tuesdays:      September 10, 17, and 24      9:30 AM -11:30 AM  
Thursdays:      September 12, 19, and 26      4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

If you happen to have any "extra" vegetables from your garden (yes, even zucchini!)... Please call 781-4670 to contact Nancy Lightbody, who will arrange to pick them up and deliver them to the Food Pantry.

## **Church Office Hours**

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

**Church Phone: 207.781.3413**

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### **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

11:30 AM Ministry of Education

### **Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM Fiddle-icious

7:00PM Ministry of Worship & Covenant (Grant Room)

### **Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

## 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.

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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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MUSIC: Kenneth E. White, 1982

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