



# 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

COMMUNION  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“God designed the human machine to run on God’s Self. God is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn.”- C.S. Lewis*

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

**"Sarabande from *Sonate C-Dur*"**  
Barbara Graustein, Cello

Joseph Bodin de  
Boismortier

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

One: Let us remember the good news:

**All: We, once aliens, are now citizens of heaven.**

One: We, once strangers, are now brought home in the family of God.

**All: We, once separated, are now proclaimed one people,**

One: Mutually embraced in the everlasting arms

**All: We share in each ones joy, and each ones sorrow.**

One: Let us then renew our strength

**All: We will worship our Sovereign, and hold fast to our hope!**

**\*HYMN**

**“Gather Us In”**

No. 284

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

One: Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another, and to ourselves that we have fallen short of what you call us to be.

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<sup>1</sup> Alexander Campbell’s Communion Affirmation, as printed in the Chalice Hymnal

<sup>2</sup> Based on a Confession by Maren Tirabassi, printed in The New Century Hymnal

**All: We have stifled our gifts and wasted our time.**

One: We have avoided opportunities to offer kindness but have been quick to take offense.

**All: We have pretended that we could make no contribution to peace and justice in our world.**

One: We have excused ourselves from risk taking in our lives and in our communities.

**All: Have mercy on us, forgive us, and help us to live differently.**

One: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose call to follow him haunts our every prayer.

**All: Amen.**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: We know this to be true: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always.

**All: The mercy of God is endless; God's love is eternal.**

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

### **THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**Jeremiah 2:4-13**

(NRSV p.658; RSV p.662†)

**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

(NRSV p.67; RSV p.73†)

### **THE SERMON**

**When Jesus is Our Host**

Rev. Amelia Edson

### **\*HYMN**

**"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table "**

No. 424

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

### **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**

#### **PRAYER RESPONSE (SUNG)**

**"The Lord's Prayer"**

No. 307

### **THE FEAST OF COMMUNION**



## Worship Participants

**Greeters:** Rae Pierce

**Liturgist:** Ann Sanborn

**Ushers:** Larry Perry, Sue Perry, Phil Pierce and Rae Pierce

**Communion Servers:** Kim Hendry, Steve Hendry, Virginia Eddy & Jim Parr

**Bus Driver:** Jack Davis

*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!*

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

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



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

**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.*



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

## 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.

Ocean View residents are hosting a "**Meet the Pastor**" **Reception** for Rev. Amelia Edson at Blueberry Commons on September 5 at 10 AM.

Sunday  
**SCHOOL**  
KICKOFF



**September 8<sup>th</sup>: Church School Kickoff!** Come and celebrate the beginning the Church School Year with special music and blessings in worship, and a party (with ice cream!) after worship! We look forward to celebrating the beginning of the year with all our families!

**Rev. Edson Installation:** All members of the Cumberland Association of Churches and Ministers will be invited to gather with us during worship on Sunday, September 29 for the official installation of Reverend Amelia Edson.

**September 15: New Member Gathering.** Interested in learning about Membership? Come to an informal information session after church on Sunday, September 15 from 11:30 AM -12:30. Those who decide to join the church will be welcomed on September 29 during worship.

**Chancel Flowers:** The Chancel Flower sign up sheet has plenty of spots available in the coming months. The beautiful bouquets we order from Skillin's are \$40 and are a great way to remember or honor a special person or anniversary. They may be taken home to enjoy or they will be given to a home-bound member of our church.

**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.

**Holly Days Fair: It's never too early to think about our Annual Holly Days Fair! This year's Holly Days Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23.** We hope everyone will be a part of this important and FUN event. Feel free to contact us with your ideas and any questions:

Cathy Bowden/Coordinator of Communication  
Kathie Sinnett/Coordinator of Volunteers  
Sarah Davis/Coordinator of Logistics

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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.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Jack Davis <mailto:jgdavis@gmail.com>  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Paul Davis <mailto:nevis56@gmail.com>  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Phil Pierce <mailto:raefosterpierce@yahoo.com>  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Ann Sanborn <mailto:asanborn27@maine.rr.com>  
5<sup>th</sup> 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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**Monday, September 2 ~ Labor Day - OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tuesday, September 3**

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| 8:00 AM  | Aerobics                        |
| 9:00 AM  | Personnel Committee Meeting     |
| 12:30 PM | Coffee with the Reverend Amelia |
| 6:00 PM  | Fiddle-icious                   |

**Wednesday, September 4**

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| 8:00 AM  | Aerobics                    |
| 12:00 PM | Women's Spiritual Book Club |

**Thursday, September 5**

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| 8:30 AM  | Ecumenical Clergy Meeting                |
| 10:00 AM | Ocean View's "Meet the Pastor" Reception |
| 6:00 PM  | Meet the Pastor Small Dinner Group       |
| 6:30 PM  | Ministry of Missions Meeting             |
| 7:00 PM  | Boy Scout Troop Meeting                  |

**Friday, September 6**

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| 8:00 AM | Aerobics |
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**LARGE print BULLETINS** are available. Please ask an Usher if you would like one.