



Falmouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Reverend Amelia Edson

Settled Pastor & Teacher



10:00 AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 3, 2023



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

John Wilcox

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

“Softly and Tenderly”
Karen Cameron, guest vocalist

arr. Ken Medema

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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.

¹ Inspired by Nadia Boltz Weber's introduction to *The Corners* <https://thecorners.substack.com>

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 8)

One: With the apostle Paul we proclaim

All: We are convinced 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, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kids' Church will kick-off next Sunday, September 10.

Children are welcome to stay and participate in worship. Busy bags are available.

***HYMN** "When Morning Guilds the Skies" No. 100

SCRIPTURE Alyce Graves

SERMON Ask Me Anything Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "Seek Ye First" No. 354

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RETELLING THE STORY

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

***THE SUNG LORD'S PRAYER**

No. 307

OFFERTORY *You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC*
"I Surrender All"
Virginia Eddy and Jack Gervais, vocal duet

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

**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**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "The Blessing" Kari Jobe
Karen Cameron and Alicia Johnson, vocal duet

**The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace. *(repeat)*
A - - - men, a - men, a - men
A - - - men, a - men, a - men.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'" J. Christopher Pardini

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Ushers:	Jim Parr, Julia Poppell
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Next Sunday's Lectionary

Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149 (or Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40); Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20