



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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPT. 8, 2019



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind.
The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."
- Mr. Rodgers*

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

"His Name So Sweet"

Richard Billingham

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 139)

One: O Lord, You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you know our thoughts before we think them.

All: Lord you have searched me and known me!

One: You know where we go in the day, and when we lie down at night; you are acquainted with all our ways.

All: Lord you have searched me and known me!

One: Even before a word is on our tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

All: Lord you have searched me and known me!

One: Lord, you are everywhere. If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead us, and your right hand shall hold us fast.

All: Lord you have searched me and known me!

One: You see us even in the darkness, for it is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

All: Lord you have searched me and known me!

One: It was you who formed us; you knit us together in our mother's womb. And we praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: Wonderful are your works, O Lord; that we know well.

Praise God, who has searched me and known me!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us offer our Confession:

Lord, you came to earth as a tiny baby, and yet we often neglect the vulnerable, in ourselves and in our world.

All: Forgive us, O God!

One: Lord, you brood over us like a mother hen, and yet we often avoid your loving concern, believing the myth of self-sufficiency, and refusing your help.

All: Forgive us, O God!

One: Lord you are our Abba, our Father, and yet often we would rather follow the devices and desires of our own hearts, than stay within the bounds you set for us.

All: Forgive us, O God!

One: God who comforts, cajoles, chastises, and loves us, help us to look towards your model and follow in your ways.

All: God with us, forgive, sustain, and renew us, so that we might truly be family, with you and with each other. 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE & BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 8:16-18a

(NRSV p. 71; RSV p.77†)

THE SERMON

Shining Our Light

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN**

“This Little Light of Mine”

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

This lit - tle light of mine — I'm gon - na let it shine —
This lit - tle light of mine — I'm gon na let it shine — This lit - tle light of mine —
I'm gonna let it shine — Let it shine, — let it shine, — let it shine —

Ushers will collect prayer request cards during this hymn.

THE OFFERTORY

Collected with help from the Church School Children

***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

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 "Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Give me oil in my lamp, Keep me burn-ing,-- Give me oil in my lamp I pray. Give me
Refrain
oil in my lamp, Keep me burn-ing,-- Keep me burn-ing 'til the break of day. Sing Ho-san-na,
Sing Ho - san - na, Sing Ho - san - na to the King of Kings.
Sing Ho-san - na, Sing Ho-san - na, Sing Ho-san-na to the King.

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2. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising...
3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving...
4. Give me faith in my heart, keep me trusting...

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

No.445

POSTLUDE

"Rondeau Fanfares"

Jean Joseph Mouret

* 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 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!

Worship Participants

Greeters: Edie & John Boothby
Liturgist: Sarah Davis
Ushers: Nancy Lightbody, Pam Carroll, Judy Nilsen,
Lorraine Bergen
Bus Driver: Paul Davis

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Paul & Sarah Davis
Louise Thomas
John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton



Jennifer Strobel
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.



Our deepest sympathy is with Paul and Sarah Davis and their family. Marjorie M. Davis (Paul's mother) passed into her eternal rest on August 30, 2019.

"In life and in death we hold fast to the promises of the Gospel."



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalms 14; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

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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**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.

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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.

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**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.

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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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**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:

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

**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.**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday: | Jack Davis  | 207-233-1707 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday: | Paul Davis  | 207-332-7268 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday: | Phil Pierce | 207-781-3769 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday: | Ann Sanborn | 207-318-6906 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday: | Mark Horton | 207-838-1544 |

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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 contact Nancy Lightbody at: Nancy@lightbody.org, 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

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Monday, September 9th

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
- 6:00 PM Fiddle-icious Steering Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Fiddle-icious Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 10th

- 9:30 AM Food Pantry Open
- 10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View
- 11:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 12:30 PM Rev. Edson Office Hours (until 2 PM)
- 6:00 PM Meet the Pastor Small Dinner Group

Wednesday, September 11th

- 6:30 PM Choir Potluck Dinner
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 12th

- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30 PM Food Pantry Open
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting

Friday, September 13th

- 6:30 PM Coffee House ~ *featuring:* The FCC House Band

Sunday, September 15th Congregator Deadline

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Gathering for those interested in membership