



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

Settled Pastor

10:00 AM

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sept. 19th, 2021



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

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

Virginia Eddy

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to encounter God, the Eternal Spirit, who had been made known to us in Jesus our brother.

All: We come to testify to God's deeds.

One: God called the worlds into being, created us in the Divine image, and set before us the ways of life and death.

All: We come to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and become servants in the service of others.

One: We seek strength to proclaim the Gospel and resist the powers of evil.

All: We come to share in Christ's baptism and his passion and victory over sin and death.

One: We yearn for the forgiveness of our shortcomings, and the grace of new beginnings.

All: We come for courage in the struggle for justice and peace, remembering God's presence in our lives, and anticipating that eternal life in the realm which has no end.

One: Let us worship our God, who transforms our lives and our world!

All: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we have fallen short, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Romans 8:38-39*)

One: With Paul the Apostle we are convinced

All: 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. Amen.

HYMN	“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE	Mark 9:30-37	Eunice Wilcox
THE SERMON	“The Bad News About the Good News”	Rev. Edson
ANTHEM	“Help Us Accept Each Other” Chancel Choir	John N. Beck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" Chancel Choir

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Lani Smith

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If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.



Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson
Music Committee: Doris Krueger, Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy
Ushers: Larry Perry & Sue Perry
Liturgist: Eunice Wilcox
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



*The chancel flowers are given
by John Reid in loving memory of his father, Jim Reid*



*And by Bill Nugent & Beth Stouder in loving memory of their nephew,
Brian Nugent*



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13 – 20; Mark 9:38-50