



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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPT. 22, 2019



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.”
-Jesus Christ (John 14:1)*

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

“My Redeemer”

James McGranahan/
Lani Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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

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

One: We celebrate God, who 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 God, who transforms our lives and our world!

*HYMN

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

No. 570

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

¹ Inspired by the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

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

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 8:18-9:1

(NRSV p. 668; RSV p.672[†])

I Timothy 2:1-7

(NRSV p. 67; RSV p.184[†])

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Must Tell Jesus"

Elisha A. Hoffman

THE SERMON

Cussing at God

Rev. Edson

*HYMN

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

No. 501

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

THE OFFERTORY

"It is Well with My Soul"

Philip P. Bliss/
John Ness Beck

² Based on Confession by Maren Tirabassi, printed in The New Century Hymnal

*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: Let us praise God not only with our lips, but with our lives.

All: Lord, we offer these gifts to you as a symbol of our willingness to join in your work and be transformed in your image. Amen.

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.

SILENT PRAYER

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** **“Standing in the Need of Prayer”** No. 579

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **“Go in Peace”** No.445

POSTLUDE **“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”** Trad./Carolyn Hamlin

*** 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 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!



The chancel flowers are given anonymously in honor of the staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to our church

Worship Participants

Greeter: Carol Dow
Liturgist: Eunice Wilcox
Ushers: Rodney & Anne Coleman,
John Boothby and Tyler Henderson
Bus Driver: Ann Sanborn

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

Louise Thomas
John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
David Horne



Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Jaqueline Rogers

**Diane Mathieu and the Family of Donald Packer
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.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Jeremiah 32:1-3a; Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

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, sign the guest book and fill out a blue Welcome card.

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, recognition of Jane Stegemann's call to a ministry of visitation and joining of new members.

Drivers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to drive our family of Asylum seekers to appointments. If you are able to drive, please sign up with Virginia Eddy.

Please plan to volunteer at the **TWELFTH annual Harvest Community Supper**. The free delicious roast turkey supper with all the fixings will be held in Beinema Hall on October 24, 2019, between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets on the poster in Fellowship Hall, or you may contact Nancy Lightbody at 781-4670. Thank you!

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

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Have a good joke, theological question, or just low on caffeine? Drop by for **Coffee with the Pastor**, every Tuesday from 12:30-2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

FCC BUS DRIVERS Please call if you need to cancel your ride. Thank you.

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

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

Monday, September 23, 9:00 -11:00 AM, Tuesday, September 24, 9:30 - 11:30 AM, and Thursday, September 26, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Nursery News: We are celebrating the opening of our redecorated nursery! Now we need volunteers to spend time with our littlest Christians and give our young families a chance to worship. Please see Kristen Coleman to sign up to help.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, September 23rd

9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
7:00 PM Fiddle-icious Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 24th

9:30 AM Food Pantry Open
10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View
11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Grant Room)
12:30 PM Coffee with the Pastor (until 2 PM)

Wednesday, September 25th

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 26th

4:30 PM Food Pantry Open
6:00 PM Meet the Pastor Small Dinner Group

Sunday, September 29th Neighbors in Need Appeal³

9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Worship Service with Installation of Rev. Edson
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mason-Motz 55+ Senior Activity Center OPEN HOUSE: October 23

190 Middle Road, Falmouth in the Presumpscot Room

Free events include: Guided Meditation, Cooking Demo, Laughter Yoga, Live Music, Cookie Social, a Flu Shot Clinic, Massages and Door Prizes!
See October's Congregator for more information.

Community Supper: October 24, 4:30- 7:00 PM

This free event supports the food pantry.
Volunteers needed!



Family Halloween Event: October 27, 1:00- 4:00 PM

Co-sponsored by the Davinci Camp, for more info: falmouthme.org

³ In the pews are envelopes for Neighbors in Need, which is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The dedication Sunday will be October 6, 2019.



Family Promise Host Week: October 27- November 3

Family Promise Training Sessions:

Thursday, **September 26**, 5:30- 8:30 PM:

Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 268 Brown Street, Westbrook

Sunday, **October 27**, 9:30am- 12:30 PM:

Congregation Bet Ha'am, 81 Westbrook Street, South Portland

Thursday, **November 21**, 5:30- 8:30 PM:

First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.



Falmouth Congregational Church strives to welcome all. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products by not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products and similar products.



Church Office Hours

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

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