



# 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPT. 29, 2019



## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*We believe in God... who bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. - United Church of Christ Statement of Faith*

### 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

**“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”**

William Moore/  
Mark Hayes

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

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! **Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> Inspired by the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

\*HYMN

**"Gather Us In"**

No. 284, verses 1, 2, 3

## GREETINGS FROM THE WIDER CHURCH & CALL TO CONFESSION

*Rev. Karl Andersen:*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**All: Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Psalm 133**

(NRSV p. 538; RSV p.550†)

**Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-12, 15-16**

(NRSV p. 171; RSV p.182†)

## THE SERMON

Steve Hendry, Jessica Collins, Rev. Amelia Edson

\*HYMN

**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

No. 614

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

## SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

*Mark Horton, Moderator:*

The Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Reverend Amelia Edson as its Pastor and Teacher and respectfully requests that the Cumberland Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

Rev. Stephen Gray

### EXHORTATION

Mr. Harry Marsters

## **COVENANT**

*Rev. Stephen Gray:*

Dear Friends: Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, has declared that, having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Reverend Amelia Edson to minister in this place as Pastor and Teacher and that it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry. The Cumberland Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that she has met all necessary conditions for installation to this office.

Reverend Amelia Edson, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God, and that Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, has been led to call you as Pastor and Teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Cumberland Association?

*Rev. Amelia Edson:*

I am willing and promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

*Rev. Karl Andersen:*

Members of the Falmouth Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, will those who are able, rise and affirm your covenant with your Pastor and Teacher?

***Falmouth Congregational Church, UCC:***

**We, the members of the Falmouth Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, receive Reverend Amelia Edson as our Pastor and Teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

*Mr. Harry Marsters:*

Members of the Cumberland Association, including members of other UCC churches in the Cumberland Association, will those who are able, please rise and affirm your covenant with the Falmouth Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ and its pastor and teacher?

**Cumberland Association Members:**

**We, the members of the Cumberland Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of the Falmouth Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

**INSTALLATION PRAYER:**

*Virginia Eddy:*

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

You have called your servants

To make promises before you;

now enable us to keep your vows  
that we may remain steadfast in faith  
and fruitful in every good work.

Bless, we pray, your servant

Reverend Amelia Edson

to whom the care of your people  
in this church is now committed.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on her,

on the people of Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ,  
and on all churches of the Cumberland Association  
that our mutual ministry may be served  
with all faithfulness, diligence and courage.

Grant us the spirit of power and of love  
and to a sound mind.

Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless,  
strengthening the faithful,  
comforting the afflicted,  
building up your church,  
and converting sinners to you.

Guard us against the snares of temptation  
that we may be kept pure in heart,  
fervent in spirit,  
and valiant against evil.

And at the last, by your grace,  
receive us in your eternal home,  
where, with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ reigns in glory,  
one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen**

## DECLARATION

*Rev. Stephen Gray:*

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Cumberland Association of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as Pastor and Teacher of Falmouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

**All: Amen**

## PRESENTATION

*Mr. Harry Marsters:*

As pastor and teacher of Falmouth Congregational Church, UCC, you are granted ordained ministerial standing in the Cumberland Association of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ: and on behalf of its people we offer you the hand of Christian fellowship.

**Sung Response:**

“Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

No. 41

## AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY OF VISITATION

*Mark Horton:*

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve in Christ’s name, and for the glory of God?

*Jane Stegemann:*

I am, with God’s help.

*Mark:* Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

*Jane:* I do, relying on God’s grace.

*Mark:* Falmouth Congregational Church, you have heard the promise of our sister in Christ, who has answered God’s call to Service. Please rise in body or in spirit to witness this commitment.

**All: We gather in celebration of our partnership with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, and assist you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

*Mark:* Lord, we pray that you would strengthen Jane for this ministry of visitation, and equip her with everything good to do God’s will. We pray that we will support her, walk beside her, and be strengthened for our own work through her example.

**Sung Response:**

“Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

No. 41

## WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ.

**All: They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.**

One: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind. God help us.

**All: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. God help us.**

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place.

**All: We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.**

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and world of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those Joining: We promise, with the help of God.

**All: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshiping God with us, and offering your time, talent, and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?**

Those Joining: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and rise to share our covenant of mission with you.

**All: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called, "Abba, Father, and to the Holy Spirit, who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to witness our commitment through service: serving God through our love, our worship, and our spiritual growth, serving God's creation through compassion, generosity, justice, and serving our church family through loving mutual support and opportunities for stewardship.**

**We promise to walk with one another, secure in God's grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and the hope of the Gospel.**

Sung Response:

“Halle-Halle-Halleluja”

No. 41

## THE OFFERTORY

“Assurance”

Setting by John Ness Beck

*Today's offering will be directed to Cumberland Association scholarship fund for students preparing for authorized ministry in the United Church of Christ.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Lord, we are all ministers in your service!

**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.

## 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

“They'll Know We are Christians”

No. 494

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

No.445

POSTLUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus of Jesus' Name” Arr. Diane Bish

\* 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 in remembrance of Ottavia Corey*



### **Worship Participants**

**Greeter:** Chan & Kathie Sinnett  
**Liturgist:** Virginia Eddy  
**Ushers:** Paul Davis, Steve Hendry, Mark & Peggy Horton  
**Bus Driver:** Mark Horton

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

**Louise Thomas  
John Graustein  
Maureen Grubb  
Ginny Hamilton  
David Horne**



**Ray O'Donnell  
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**

**Lamentations 1:1- 6, 3:19- 26; 1 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5- 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, sign the guest book and fill out a blue Welcome card.

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**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.

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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!

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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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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.

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

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

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

Mondays,	October 7, 28:	9:00 -11:00 AM,
Tuesdays,	October 8, 15, 29:	9:30 - 11:30 AM, and
Thursdays,	October 10, 17, 31:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Nursery News:** We are excited to announce that the Personnel Committee has hired a Nursery Care Provider named Elena Parr. She will be a great addition to our church staff and church family. **We need volunteers to become on-call nursery helpers.** This means that you can stay in church unless there are too many children for Elena to handle or if there is an emergency. You can sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

- 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, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 12:00 PM Women's Spiritual Book Club
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 8:30 AM Ecumenical Clergy Group Meeting

## Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> Neighbors in Need Collection<sup>2</sup>

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service with Communion  
Guest Preacher: Rev. David Butler
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship

## UPCOMING EVENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**October Sermon Series: Powerful Mirrors** October 13- October 27  
"Seeing ourselves and our world in the Parables of Luke"  
Come find new life in these ancient stories, Sundays at 10 AM

**Mason-Motz 55+ Senior Activity Center OPEN HOUSE:** October 23  
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](http://falmouthme.org)

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<sup>2</sup> In the pews are envelopes for this special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Dedication on Sunday, October 6, 2019.



**Family Promise Host Week:** October 27- November 3

**Family Promise Training Sessions:**

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.

***Church Office Hours***

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

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