



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Serving Christ and Community since 1754

An Open and Affirming Congregation

The Reverend Amelia Edson

Settled Pastor & Teacher



Off of the Sidelines
Getting in the Game, Living Our Faith

Fall Sermon Series

10:00 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

GET IN THE GAME [video]

ORGAN PRELUDE “As the Deer” with “Largo” by Dvorak arr. Sprunger

CALL TO WORSHIP *(UCC Statement of Faith)*

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!

CALL TO CONFESSION

All: Loving and generous God, You wrap us in love and You remind us that we are good. You hold us in our hardest times and You offer us peace. When we do not act with love, when we need reminders to get back up and try again, You meet us in every moment. We bravely and boldly confess our human errors and know that we are forgiven and forever received with grace. 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are invited to join our Minister of Children and Families, Lydia Hoffman, for Kids' Church downstairs. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.

***HYMN** "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" No. 611

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:1-9 Steve Hendry

SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 595
Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND SENDING OF MATTHEW STROBEL AND OFFERTORY

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"In His Presence" arr. Kingsmore
Chancel Choir

***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

**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
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ORGAN POSTLUDE “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Samuel Metzger

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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: Kim Hendry, Kathie Sinnett
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99 (or Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13));
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22