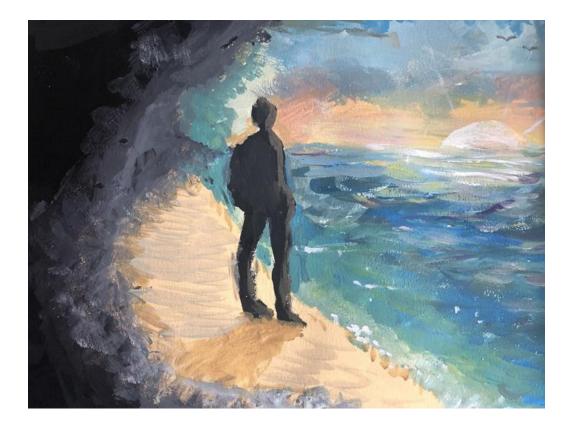


Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



An Open and Affirming Congregation The Reverend Amelia Edson Serving Christ and Community since 1754





THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)

"Alleluia" with

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WHY NOT WORSHIP

PIANO PRELUDE

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God who calls us to this sacred place and set-apart time.

All: Make the door of this sanctuary wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship.

One: Narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.

All: Smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to hesitant, searching feet.

One: But strong enough to turn back all powers of evil.

All: May this place, and this time, be a gateway into Your coming kingdom. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, as we come seeking You we remember how often we have drawn aside from Your ways.

All: We have feared what was not terrible, rested in habits that were unworthy of our freedom, lived at peace with evil, and wished for what was not holy.

One: From our lethargy, sin, and weakness we ask for Your deliverance.

All: Grant us pardon and peace, that we might be free to love and serve You with full hearts and quiet minds. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8)

One: Let us remember the Gospel Promise.

All: 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, are able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

*HYMN "All My Hope on God is Founded" No. 88

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:1-8 Jim Scherer

THE SERMON Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" No. 305

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.

THE OFFERTORY

"The Potter's Hand" Chancel Choir

Darlene Zschech

*DOXOLOGY No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace" No. 445

ORGAN POSTLUDE "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Mark Thallander

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Ushers: Jo Blinick, Joe Blinick

Liturgist: Jim Scherer

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14



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