



# 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



## 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]

### PIANO PRELUDE

“My Tribute”

Andraé Crouch  
arr. Mark Hayes

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-9

Lydia Hoffman

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: Sing to God, all the earth!**

One: Sing to God—and worship!

**All: Proclaim the good tidings of God’s salvation from day to day**

One: Take the good news to the lost places, tell of God’s wonderful deeds among all the peoples

**All: God is great, worth a thousand Hallelujahs.**

One: God’s furious beauty puts all our idols to shame;

**All: The Lord made the heavens— all goodness comes from God,**

One: Everyone join in awe before the beauty and might of our Lord

**All: Let us bring gifts and celebrate**

One: Tremble before God, all the earth

**All: Come, let us worship!**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Lydia Hoffman

**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

Lydia Hoffman

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. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.*

### \*HYMN

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

No. 41

### SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Ann Sanborn

### SERMON

"Faith is a Verb"

Rev. Amelia Edson

### \*HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

No. 606

*Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERTORY

"Lord, There Is None Like You"

Giacomo A. Perti

Chancel Choir

(1661-1756)

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**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“The Blessing”

Kari Jobe

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“This Is My Song”

Jean Sibelius  
arr. Leatherman

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\* *Please stand in body or spirit*

*We strive to use a diversity of language to describe God, in line with the diversity of images and metaphors in our Scripture. Many hymns and prayers default to male language. Please use the language that allows you to worship best, knowing that all human speech about God is metaphoric and ultimately incomplete.*

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Minister of Children & Families:	Lydia Hoffman
Ushers:	Lauren Jordy, Karin Kurry
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (or Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1);  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46