



Falmouth Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation  
The Reverend Amelia Edson  
Serving Christ and Community since 1754



10:00 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 2022



## 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.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### WHY NOT WORSHIP

### ORGAN PRELUDE

“Toccata”

Everett Titcomb

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, we gather today to celebrate and cultivate mercy, grace, and forgiveness

**All: Not because those things come easily to us**

One: because we are in desperate need of them

**All: We come to meet each other**

One: Not because we have things in common

**All: because other people challenge our assumptions, increase our compassion, and help us see the complexity of God**

One: We come to worship God

**All: Not because we are all good,**

One: because we seek to worship something greater than our own selves, and to acknowledge our own dependence, interdependence, and need

**All: We gather to worship**

One: Let us begin.

## 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**\*HYMN** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 595

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 18:9-14 Mark Horton

**THE SERMON** Rev. Amelia Edson

**\*HYMN** "I Would Be True" No. 608

## 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**      “Be Still and Know That I Am God”      Roberta Bitgood  
Chancel Choir

**\*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

**PIANO POSTLUDE**      “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”      arr. Mark Hayes

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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:                Sue Perry, Larry Perry  
Liturgist:              Mark Horton  
Online Worship:      Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



### **Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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