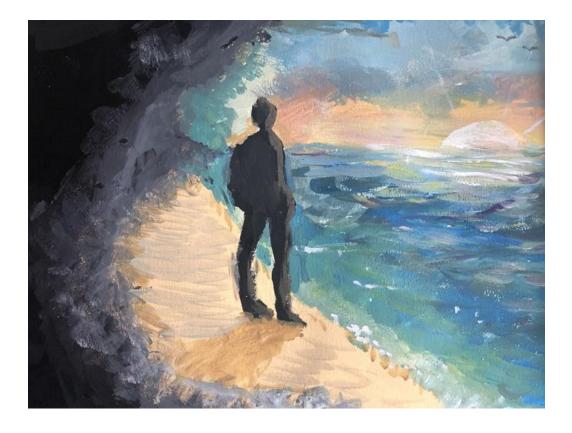


Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



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.)

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

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SCRIPTURE	Luke 18:9-14	Mark Horton
THE SERMON		Rev. Amelia Edson
*HYMN	"I Would Be True"	No. 608

"Re Thou My Vision"

No 595

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

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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