

Falmouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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Serving Christ and Community since 1754 Third Parish Church; 1833 The Brick Church The Reverend Amelia Edson Settled Pastor **GATHERING MUSIC**

"I Got Peace Like a River"

Bell Choir

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.

PRELUDE "I Got Shoes" Bell Choir

American Spiritual/Sharon Elery Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Those who want to save their lives

All: have good health insurance, pay their bills on time, exercise and eat

right.

One: Those who want to save their lives will lose them.

One: Those who lose their lives in pursuit of God

All: who abandon the world's values, who live generously and faithfully,

who listen to a voice beyond.

One: Those who lose their lives in pursuit of God will find life.

One: May we learn the value of loss.

All: May we know the value of life. Amen.

¹ Based on Matthew 16:25 and Mark 8:35. Written by Katherine Hawker, 2002. Posted on <u>Outside the Box</u>.

CALL TO CONFESSION²

One: O God, hear our confession of our sins.

All: We know that we are already rich; we have enough, more than many can imagine.

One: but too often we fall into the trap of wanting more.

All: Even with our wealth, perhaps because of our wealth, we need help to live faithfully.

One: Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to live boldly as generous witnesses to the strength we have in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Lydia Hill

THE SERMON Rev. Edson

ANTHEM "I Will Arise" Chancel Choir

Traditional/Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

PRAYERS

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.

² Adapted from Prayers for Stewardship from UCC Worship Ways https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/worship_worship-ways_year-b_p_pentecost-ordinary-time-4/

OFFERTORY & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Kaluba Family

HYMN "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Chancel Choir

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE Barbara Graustein

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Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Music: Doris Krueger, Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy

Ushers: Joe & Jo Blinick
Kids' Church: Kristen Tripp
Liturgist: Lydia Hill

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34



The flowers on the chancel are in honor of Judy Nilsen who has faithfully and joyfully served for 16 years as the chairperson of our Prayer Shawl Ministry!