



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Serving Christ and Community since
1754 Third Parish Church;
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson

10:00 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCT. 27, 2019



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Sometimes I need only to stand wherever I am to be blessed."- Mary Oliver

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE

"The Peace May Be Exchanged"

Daniel Locklair

*CALL TO WORSHIP, From Psalm 65:1-5

One: Let us praise You, O God!

All: O God who answer prayers.

One: To You all flesh shall come.

All: When the weight of our shortcomings overwhelm us,

One: You forgive us our transgressions.

All: Happy are those who live near You!

One: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,

All: and put our trust in You.

One: Amen.

*HYMN

"My Hope is Built"

No. 537

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gentle and holy God, we come here to worship You.

All: And yet we come knowing that we spend much of our time worshipping other things.

One: We are controlled by our anxiety, apathy, anger, and acquisitiveness.

All: We come and admit this to You, our neighbors, and ourselves,

One: In the sure knowledge that we were created for better things, and trusting that you are not done working within us.

All: Have mercy on us, forgive us, and help us to live differently.

One: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who overcomes all things, even death.

All: Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Let us remember: God has loved us, loves us now, and will love us always.

All: The mercy of God is endless, God's love is eternal.

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:23-27

(NRSV p. 801; RSV p.804[†])

Luke 18:9-14

(NRSV p. 70; RSV p.77[†])

THE SERMON

Justified

Rev. Edson

***HYMN**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

No. 214

During this hymn, Ushers will collect prayer cards for the Pastoral Prayer.

THE OFFERTORY

“Prelude Modal”

Jean Langlais

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER DEDICATION

One: We offer these gifts to God

All: In the hope that we might be used to bring heaven ever closer to this earth. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts.

All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

*CLOSING HYMN “Sing Hey for the Carpenter”

Chorus:

**Sing Hey for the carpenter, Leaving his tools!
Sing Hey for the Pharisees, Leaving their rules!
Sing Hey for the fisherman, Leaving their nets!
Sing Hey for the people, Who leave their regrets!**

Come with me, come wander, come welcome the world,
Where strangers might smile, Or where stones may be hurled,
Come leave what you cling to, lay down what you clutch,
And find, with hands empty, that hearts can hold much.

Chorus

Come walk in my company, come sleep by my side
Come savour a lifestyle with nothing to hide;
Come sit at my table, and eat with my friends,
Discovering that love which the world never ends

Chorus

Come share in my laughter, come close to my fears
Come find yourself washed with the kiss of my tears;
Come stand close at hand, while I suffer and die
And find in three days, How I never will lie.

Chorus

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Go in Peace”

No.445

POSTLUDE

“Celtic Hymn”

Hans-Andre Stamm

* During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.

Throughout the order of worship, if print is in **bold**, words may be spoken in unison.

(*)Please rise in body or spirit.



† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

Visiting Falmouth Congregational this morning? Please fill out a blue visitor card and put it in the offering plate so that we can send you a (personal, non-spam) welcome email!

Thank you to our guest organist, Ray Cornils

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

*Greeters: Ann Sanborn
Liturgist: Cathy Bowden
Ushers: Jack Davis, Nancy Lightbody,
Ted & Dolores Vail
Bus Driver: Phil Pierce*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**John Graustein
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
Ted Coffey & Family
Mark Horton**



**Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Helen Tupper-Southard**

Family & Friends of Nancy Snow

Please let the church office know if we have missed someone and please update us so that we may better pray for them. Thank you.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

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



The chancel flowers are given in honor and memory of Bernard William Chesties, by his daughter, Jess Dickson.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and fill out a blue Welcome card.

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**Holly Days Fair: It's never too early to think about our Annual Holly Days Fair! This year's Holly Days Fair will be held on Saturday, November 23.** We hope everyone will be a part of this important and FUN event. Feel free to contact us with your ideas and any questions:

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Have a good joke, theological question, or just low on caffeine? Drop by for **Coffee with the Pastor**, every **second and fourth Tuesday from 12:30-2:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. **Next Coffee with the Pastor will be November 5.**

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**FCC BUS DRIVERS Please call if you need to cancel your ride. Thank you.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Jack Davis, 233-1707 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Paul Davis, 332-7268 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Phil Pierce, 781-3769 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Ann Sanborn, 318-6906 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Mark Horton, 838-1544

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The Falmouth Food Pantry is open on the following days in October and November:

Mondays,	October 28, November 4, 18:	9:00 - 11:00 AM,
Tuesdays,	October 29, Nov. 12, 19, 26:	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursdays,	October 31, Nov. 14, 21:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Nursery News:** The Children's ministry and Elena Parr are still in need of volunteers to become "on-call" nursery helpers. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, or if there is a special need.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Ministry of Education Meeting
- 2:00 PM Davinci Family Halloween Event & Trunk or Treat

### **Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
- 7:00 PM Fiddle-icious Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean View
- 11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Grant Room)

### **Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Happy Halloween!

### **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> Stewardship Kickoff**

- 9:00 AM Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM Worship Service with All-Age Communion
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Promise Host Week:** October 27- November 3

**Family Promise Training Sessions:**

Thursday, **November 21**, 5:30- 8:30 PM:

First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.

November 10: Remembrance Sunday and Congregator Deadline

November 17-22: Holly Days Fair Setup

November 23: Holly Days Fair

November 24: Angel Tree Setup

November 28: Thanksgiving- Office Closed

## ***Church Office Hours***

***Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday***

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