



# 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

Settled Pastor

10:00 AM

CONSECRATION SUNDAY

Oct. 31st, 2021



**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**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.**

**PRELUDE**

“Fountain Reverie”  
Percy E. Fletcher

Doris Krueger

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit

**All: Open our hearts in compassion to your creation and our sisters and brothers.**

One: So that we may worship you.

**All: With our hearts, minds, and deeds. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

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.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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/](https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/worship_worship-ways_year-b_p_pentecost-ordinary-time-4/)

## 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

“Take My Life”

Chancel Choir

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:28-34

Laurie Davis

## THE SERMON

Rev. Edson

## WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ.

**All: They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.**

One: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind. God help us.

**All: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. God help us.**

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place.

**All: We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.**

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and world of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those Joining: **We promise, with the help of God.**

**All: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshiping God with us, and offering your time, talent, and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?**

Those Joining: **We promise, with the help of God.**

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and rise to share our covenant of mission with you.

**All: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called, Abba, Father, and to the Holy Spirit, who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to witness our commitment through service: serving God through our love, our worship, and our spiritual growth, serving God's creation through compassion, generosity, justice, and serving our church family through loving mutual support and opportunities for stewardship.**

**We promise to walk with one another, secure in God's grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and the hope of the Gospel.**

## **ANTHEM**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**  
Martin Luther/Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

## **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.**

## **OFFERTORY & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Chelsea & John Reid

## **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION & DOXOLOGY**

**HYMN**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use”

Chancel Choir

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Go in Peace”

**POSTLUDE** “God of Grace”  
Arr. Paul Manz

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**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.**

*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 worship participants:

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| Presiding:      | Rev. Amelia Edson                             |
| Music:          | Doris Krueger, Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy |
| Ushers:         | Kathy & Chan Sinnett                          |
| Kids’ Church:   | Kristen Tripp                                 |
| Liturgist:      | Laurie Davis                                  |
| Online Worship: | Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais    |



**Next Sunday’s Lectionary**

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

