



# 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

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020



## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### PRELUDE

#### \*WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, we present ourselves to you

**All: for yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory**

One: We yearn for your rule to override our disorder

**All: We hope that your power will check our own**

One: trusting that your glory will drive out our demons and silence our idols

**All: Yours indeed is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory**

One: We submit ourselves to your good rule

**All: Come soon, come here.**

One: Into our hearts, our nation, and our world. **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Marilee Beinema

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Amelia Edson

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving God, day by day your blessings surround us.

**All: We come again with joyful hearts to seek your presence.**

One: O, that we could be reborn like the morning.

**All: For even as we seek to commune with you, shadows dim the joy of our aspiration.**

One: We remember our thoughtless moments, our impatient tempers, our selfish aims, our fearful grasping.

**All: And yet, your still, small voice whispers in our inmost conscience, appealing to us to choose the better part.**

One: Sweep away every dust of care, every trace of fear, every stain of uncharitable mind

**All: So that we may serve you and rejoice in newness of spirit.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Romans 8

One: With our Scripture we proclaim:

**All: I am convinced that 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, will be able to separate us from the love of God.**

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 25:1-13**

(NRSV p. 24; RSV p.26<sup>†</sup>)

Virginia Eddy

## THE SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

## ANTHEM

“This Is My Song”

Marilee Beinema

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

## 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

**HYMN**                    "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"                    Marilee Beinema

## \*BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**                    "Go in Peace"                    No.445

**POSTLUDE**                    "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"                    Lani Smith

**\* Please leave the sanctuary one pew at a time.**

\* Musical material presented under CCLI License is #1117602

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.



### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Organist:                    Doris Krueger  
Ushers:                    Larry and Sue Perry  
Lector:                    Virginia Eddy  
Music:                    Marilee Beinema  
Online Worship:                    Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann,  
Jack Gervais, John Wilcox



### Next Sunday's Lectionary

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

## **Church Office Hours**

***The church office remains closed and is open by appointment.  
Please call or email to make an appointment.***

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