



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

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 15<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: We come together challenged by things beyond our control.

All: **We are beset on all sides, Lord.**

One: We are displaced from our house of worship, we are scared for our nation, we are grieving the impacts of a global pandemic.

All: **We know that our true complaint is against sin and evil.**

One: And that to fight sin and evil we must grow closer to Christ.

All: **Lord, we know You see our pain.**

One: As the Church we lift up a collective lament.

All: **Heal us, protect us, and guide us. We need you. Amen**

HYMN

“Just As I Am”

Virginia Eddy

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 25:14-30

(NRSV p. 24; RSV p.26<sup>†</sup>)

Mark Horton

## THE SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

## ANTHEM

“Kumbaya”

Virginia Eddy

## 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** "I've Got Peace Like a River" Virginia Eddy

## \*BENEDICTION

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

## POSTLUDE

\* 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  
Lector: Mark Horton  
Music: Virginia Eddy  
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann,  
Jack Gervais, John Wilcox



### Next Sunday's Lectionary

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

## **Church Office Hours**

***The church office remains closed and is open by appointment.***

***Please call or email to make an appointment. Church***

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