



Falmouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our Gifting God

Recognizing the gifts we have,
and sharing them

Falmouth Congregational Church,
November 17th & 24th

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

The Reverend Amelia Edson



Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. 1 Peter 4:10

Dear church,

Over the past half year as your pastor I have been struck by the ways this congregation provides a beating heart for our community, bringing God's love into our lives and then out into the world, and bringing us closer to each other and our neighbors.

When I look towards 2020 I am so excited for all that we can do together. In 2019 we saw new members join and a new pastor get Installed. We continued our commitment to service, participating in the Family Promise Program four times and housing an asylum-seeking family for three months. We expanded our Children's Programming, reinvesting in our combined Youth Group and hiring a Nursery Care provider for our youngest Christians. We expanded our bus route to include Ashton Gardens, so that more of our community can come to church. This is all since June!

Here at Falmouth Congregational we all pitch in and help as we can, and so we are "lean and mean," doing a lot with a little. Still, it costs real money to do good ministry, and how much you give will directly impact what we can do. I am asking you to give generously to your church, in the hope and confidence that God will continue to work through this church for many years.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Amelia



10:00 AM

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOV. 17, 2019



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“The love of our neighbor in all its fullness simply means being able to say,
“What are you going through?” — Simone Weil*

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

“Adagio in B-Flat”

Tomaso Albinoni

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ (Based on Psalm 66)

Lit: Come and hear what God has done –

All: **God has listened to all our prayers.**

One: When we pass through the torrent of deep troubles, God turns the sea to dry land.

Lit: When we are tangled in the web of life, God does not let our feet slip

One: When we are tested as silver is tried, God keeps us in the land of the living.

Lit: When we go through fire and water, God brings us to a spacious place

All: **Come and hear what God has done - God surrounds us with steadfast love.**

*HYMN

“We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God”

No. 64

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

¹ From *An Improbable Gift of Blessing* by Maren C. Tirabassi and Joan Jordan Grant, in *Extravagant Gratitude*

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

Isaiah 12: 2-6

(NRSV p. 601; RSV p.609[†])

1 Corinthians 10: 23-26, 31

(NRSV p. 151; RSV p.162[†])

THE SERMON

Cathy Bowden, Lay Preacher

*HYMN

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

No. 577

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

THE OFFERTORY & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Rev. Amelia Edson

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*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 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" No.614

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE "All Hail the Power" Oliver Holden/Lani Smith

*** 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!

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Greeter:** Judy Nilsen  
**Liturgist:** Mark Horton  
**Ushers:** Joe Blinick, Pam Carroll  
Kim & Mollie Mason  
**Bus Driver:** Phil Pierce

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

Leon Kauffman
Jo Blinick
Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
James Klenk
Rev. Beinema
Don Worther



Joan Bamel
Barbara Wood
Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Helen Tupper-Southard
Marie Niyongere

Family & Friends of Nancy Ayers, who passed into eternal rest October 27th

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.

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**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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The Christian Education Ministry will be hosting a Kid's Corner at the church fair this year on November 23 from 10-12. We will be making gingerbread houses with the kids. If you have any unwanted Halloween candy lying around, please donate it to the kid's corner! You can drop it off in the Christian Education Office.

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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. **Upcoming Coffee with the Pastor will be November 26<sup>th</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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| Mondays,   | November 18:     | 9:00 - 11:00 AM, |
| Tuesdays,  | November 19, 26: | 9:30 - 11:30 AM  |
| Thursdays, | November 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.

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**Upcoming Family Promise Training:** Thursday, November 21, 5:30- 8:30 PM:  
First Congregational Church, 301 Cottage Road, South Portland.

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Chancel Flowers: The cost of altar flowers from Skillins has increased from \$38 to \$45.

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**Advent Group: Christian Meditation. Monday Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 5:30- 6:00 PM:**

In the busy Advent Season, take a moment to pause and reconnect through the Christian Meditative practice of Centering Prayer. Centering prayer is a gentle practice of silent, spacious communion with God. Grounded in Western Christian monastic practices, Centering Prayer encourages us to spend quiet time with our ever-present God.

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Church Youth Group: There is a youth group event for middle schoolers on Sunday the 11/17 at the church from 4-6 PM. We will be making dog treats and toys to donate to the animal shelter, and we will play with dogs from the shelter. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 17th

9:00 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
2:00 PM Wreath Decorating
4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting

Monday, November 18th

9:00 AM Food Pantry Open

Tuesday, November 19th

9:30 AM Food Pantry Open
10:00 AM Bible Study at Ocean
11:30 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 20th

6:30 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Community Supper
Planning Meeting
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21st

4:30 PM Food Pantry Open

5:30 PM Family Promise Training: South Portland UCC

Sunday, November 24th

9:00 AM Choir Practice

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship

11:30 AM Ministry of Education Meeting

Church Office Hours

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

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43



Poinsettias for Christmas Services Order

Please fill out the form below to place your order. Additional forms can be found in the church office and in Fellowship Hall.

The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin listings is **December 1**
Please mail or drop off your order to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Please make your check payable to: Falmouth Congregational Church UCC and designate "poinsettias" in the memo line. Thank you!

4" Small pot (s) _____ X \$6.00 = _____

6" Large pot (s) _____ X \$12.00 = _____

Total amount paid = _____ Check # _____

Your Listing for the Bulletin

(please circle in honor or memory)

In honor/memory of _____

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From: _____

Phone: _____

- I will pick up my poinsettia (s)
- Please deliver my poinsettia (s) to a shut-in