

# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



Serving Christ and Community since 1754 An Open and Affirming Congregation The Reverend Amelia Edson Settled Pastor & Teacher



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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card. Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

John Wilcox

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PIANO PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Melody Bober

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We believe in God the Creator, who, like a painter with a canvas, imagined creation and breathed it into being.

All: We believe in Jesus, who walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love.

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prods us and pulls us, leads us and guides us, carries us and loves us into new life, day after day.

All: And we believe in the power of imagination, a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams, create anew, start over, try again, and live lives of hope.

One: So, as God's church, we gather to worship so that we might

All: dare to dream.

One: strive to love.

All: imagine a new way.
One: And we walk together,

All: All with God's help. Amen.

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

One: God of Grace, You invite us to dream of a better world,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on a liturgy by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

All: But instead we bury our heads in the sand. We are afraid to recognize how much must change. We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then don't we have a job to do?

One: So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

All: We passively allow things to stay the same.

One: We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day.

All: We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame.

One: Instead we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.

All: Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

One: Teach us to imagine again.

All: Humbly we pray. Amen.

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Romans 8:38-39

One: With Paul the Apostle we are convinced

All: 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. Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Lydia Hoffman

Children are invited to join our Minister of Children and Families, Lydia Hoffman, for Kids' Church. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.

**\*HYMN** "For the Fruit of All Creation" No. 714

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 12:38-44, Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12 Ann Sanborn

**SERMON** "Our Money Story" Rev. Amelia Edson

\*HYMN "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" No. 459, vs. 1,2,5

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The Johnson Family

#### OFFERTORY

# "Praise His Holy Name" Chancel Choir

Keith Hampton

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\*DOXOLOGY No. 46

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

No. 528

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

J.S. Bach

We strive to use a diversity of language to describe God, in line with the diversity of images and metaphors in our Scripture. Many hymns and prayers default to male language. Please use the language that allows you to worship best, knowing that all human speech about God is metaphoric and ultimately incomplete.

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover Minister of Children & Families: Lydia Hoffman

Ushers: Julia Poppell, Nancy Wulbrecht

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Florence M. McCann from her family.





The beautifully decorated cornucopia that graces the chancel this morning is given in gratitude and love for the many blessings of our church's community.



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# **Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100 (or Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a); Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Musical material is presented under CCLI License #11176026

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand in body or spirit