



# 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

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Never once did Jesus scan the room for the best example of holy living and send that person out to tell others about him. He always sent stumblers and sinners. I find that comforting.”— Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

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

“Christians, We Have Met to Worship”

Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: The voice of God is over the waters, our God of glory thunders over the earth

All: Let us hear again of God’s power and majesty

One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire, our God shakes the wilderness.

All: Let us hear again God’s message of strength

One: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and all to say Glory!

All: Let us hear again of God’s mighty peace.

One: The voice of God is heard in the sacred spaces.

All: Let us hear again of God’s grace. Amen.

\*HYMN

“Woke Up This Morning”

Leader

Oh, I woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was

<sup>1</sup> Based on Psalm 29

stayed, woke up this morn-ing with my

*All*  
Stayed on Je - sus,

mind, and it was stayed,

Stayed on Je - sus,

woke up this morn - ing with my mind, and it was

stayed, Hal - le - lu, Hal - le -

Stayed on Je - sus, Hal - le - lu,

lu, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu jah. \_\_\_

2. Can't hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed, ...
3. Makes you love everybody with your mind, when you keep it stayed, ...

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have fallen short, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive, renew, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For 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. Amen.

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 42:5-9

(NRSV p. 630; RSV p.636†)

1 Timothy 3:16

(NRSV p. 185; RSV p.196†)

## THE SERMON

“The Greatest Gift”

Randy Boardway,  
Lay Preacher

## \*HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

No.546

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

## THE OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

Mark Hayes

*You may also give a gift online at [www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org/donation](http://www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org/donation)*

## \*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.**

## 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

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**            **“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**            No. 560

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**    **“Go in Peace”**            No.445

**POSTLUDE**                    **“More Love to Thee, O Christ”**            Mark Hayes

*\* 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!*



### **Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

*WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS*

*Greeter: Judy Nilsen*  
*Liturgist: Marilee Beinema*  
*Ushers: John Boothby, Tyler Henderson*  
*Anne & Rodney Coleman*  
*Bus Driver: Paul Davis*



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

**Maureen Grubb**  
**Ginny Hamilton**  
**James Klenk**  
**Rev. Beinema**  
**Don Worthen**  
**Zack Couture**  
**Myron Hager**  
**Larry Truman**



**John Graustein**  
**Barbara Wood**  
**Doris Krueger**  
**Joan Bamel**  
**Bee O'Brien**  
**Myron Krueger**  
**Maytha Southard**

*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.*



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

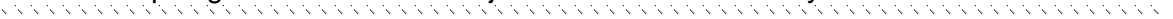
We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for refreshments. If you are visiting us today, please pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and fill out a **blue Welcome card**.

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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. **Next Coffee with the Pastor will be January 14 and 28.**  
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**Stewardship 2020 Update:**

As of the end of December, the total amount pledged is \$178,000 or 89% of our goal of \$200,000! Thank you all for making the effort to make a pledge so we can develop a budget for all the ministries in January.

If you have not sent in your pledge or do not understand what pledging is all about, email the office at [fcocffc@gmail.com](mailto:fcocffc@gmail.com) and request the letter and pledge card. There are also letters and pledge cards on the table just outside the sanctuary doors.



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**Interested in learning more about membership** at Falmouth Congregational Church?  
There will be a short meeting today after worship, and a joining ceremony on January 26.  
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**Hospitality Table:** The Hospitality Table will be set with goodies and available on Communion Sundays and special Sundays. If you would like to contribute to the Hospitality Table, there is a sign up poster is located in Fellowship Hall!  
And anytime you are baking, you may like to save a few extra contributions for our "Feed the Freezer" campaign. We greatly appreciate your assistance.  
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This Sunday after church all 3rd to 5th grade children are welcome to come to **Race Through The Bible**. It will begin at 11:30 am and end at 12:30 pm. We will go through the books of the bible in chronological order, talk about the history, learn about the geography, and learn how to navigate the bible. Snacks will be provided.  
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**The Christian Education Ministry is holding the annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Fundraiser.** We are making veggie, beef, and turkey chili. Cost is \$15.00 for a quart and \$8.00 for a pint. Your order comes with corn bread muffins (gluten free options available). We will be taking orders right after church today. The chili will be ready for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday February 2nd.  
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**Introduction to T'ai Chi for Beginners:** David Handwerker, a retired RN with 35 years of experience, will be hosting a series of 10 classes in Beinema Hall starting Tuesday, January 14. Time: 10:45 AM to Noon, Cost: \$180. For more information or to sign up, contact: [dshandwerker@gmail.com](mailto:dshandwerker@gmail.com).  
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**Annual Meeting:** January 26, immediately following worship. Snow Date: February 2.  
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**The Falmouth Food Pantry is open the following days in January:**

Monday,	January 20:	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesdays,	January 14, 21, 28:	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursdays,	January 16, 23:	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.  
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**FCC BUS DRIVERS Please call if you need to cancel your ride.** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Jack Davis, 233-1707 | 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Paul Davis, 332-7268 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Phil Pierce, 781-3769 | 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Ann Sanborn, 318-6906 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Mark Horton, 838-1544  
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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

## **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Congregator Deadline**

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
11:30 AM Council of Ministries  
11:30 AM New Member Mtg.  
11:30 AM Race Through the Bible

## **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Food Pantry Open  
6:00PM Fiddle-icious

## **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM Food Pantry Open  
10:00 AM Bible Study: Ocean View  
10:45 AM T'ai Chi Class  
11:30 AM Staff Meeting  
12:30 PM Coffee with Rev. Amelia  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Meeting

## **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 PM Food Pantry Open  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting

## **Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
3:00 PM Combined Middle School  
Youth Group Meeting

## **Upcoming: Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>**

11:30 AM Annual Meeting

## ***Church Office Hours***

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

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