



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



Stewardship 2024

Restore



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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

ORGAN PRELUDE “Let Us Altogether Praise Our God” J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Lydia Hoffman

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of love that changed the world.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: A story of how we live and how we long to live.

One: In worship we tell a story:

All: Because we are forgetful people.

One: So we come to remember who we are

All: We come to release the narratives that trap us.

One: We come to reimagine this world to see what God sees.

All: We come to work toward restoration.

One: It’s that easy, and it’s that hard.

All: Let us worship God.

CALL TO CONFESSION Lydia Hoffman

One: Holy God, to restore is to bring back;

¹ Based on a liturgy by Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

All: So today we bring our hearts back to you, our thoughts back to love, and our prayers back to peace.

One: We try to stay in this place, but we confess, it's never that easy for us.

All: We flirt with reconciliation and then back away.

One: We come face-to-face with an opportunity for justice, but get scared.

All: We are offered an opportunity to re-write our story, but we lose our way.

One: Bring us back to this moment.

All: Bring us back to your story where siblings extend grace to one another and even the one who denied it was forgiven.

One: Bring us back. Restore us. Forgive us.

All: Gratefully we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:38-39 Lydia Hoffman

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** "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord" No. 87

SCRIPTURE Genesis 33:1-17, John 21:1-14 Eunice Wilcox

SERMON "Our Money Story" Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" No. 606

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Jim Scherer

OFFERTORY

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Tom Fettke

Marilee Beinema & Jennie Stephens, vocal duet
You may also donate online or on Venmo @FalmouthUCC

***CONSECRATION OF GIFTS & DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

One: We give as a sign of gratitude.

All: We give because we belong to one another.

One: We give to build a more just and equitable world.

All: We give because we love, and that’s what love does.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Give Thanks”

No.528

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Postlude on
‘Now Thank We All Our God’”

Karg-Elert/
Fred Bock

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*

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

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37