



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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jan. 19, 2020



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Brian Wilson

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: We gather to remember,

All: how God has been our help in ages past.

One: God inclined to us and heard our cries.

All: God drew us from pits of desolation, placing our feet on solid stone.

One: We gather to rejoice.

All: Happy are those who put their trust in God

One: who do not turn to the proud

All: and do not waste themselves pursuing false idols.

One: We gather to proclaim,

All: how God has multiplied wonders and thoughts towards us.

One: God's deeds cannot be counted.

All: There is no scale for them, they are beyond compare.

One: We gather to worship,

All: We will tell glad news of deliverance,

One: in the congregation and this world. **Amen**

***HYMN**

"Gather Us In"

No. 284

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

¹ Based on Psalm 40:1-9

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 49:1-7

John 1:29-42

(NRSV p. 638; RSV p.644†)

(NRSV p. 80; RSV p.86†)

THE SERMON

“Come and See”

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

“Where He Leads Me”

No.346

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

THE OFFERTORY

You may also give a gift online at 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

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

Charles Wesley

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you saints a - rise, Je - sus, the light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Je - sus, the light of the world;
4 Hail the Bear - er of God's peace! Je - sus, the light of the world;

Glo - ry to the Christ-child bring, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Join the tri - umph of the skies, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Word, Je - sus, the light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ - teous-ness! Je - sus, the light of the world.

Refrain

We will fol - low the light, beau - ti - ful light, come where the
dew-drops of mer - cy are bright, Shine all a - round us by
day and by night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Go in Peace”

No.445

POSTLUDE

Brian Wilson

* 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!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Guest Musician: Brian Wilson
Greeter: Ann Sanborn
Liturgist: Virginia Eddy
Ushers: Paul Davis, Sarah Davis
Randy Boardway & Pam Carroll
Bus Driver: Phil Pierce

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
Heidi Hessemer

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.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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 28.**

### **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 [fccoffc@gmail.com](mailto:fccoffc@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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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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**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.

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**Annual Meeting:** January 26, immediately following worship. Snow Date: February 2.

### **The Falmouth Food Pantry is open the following days in January:**

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| Monday,   | January 20:     | 9:00 - 11:00 AM |
| Tuesdays, | January 21, 28: | 9:30 - 11:30 AM |
| Thursday, | January 23:     | 4:30 - 6:30 PM  |

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Needed: Nursery Volunteers; Sign up on CE Bulletin Board!

Bowling with Ecumenical Youth Group! Meet us at Spare Time for bowling and fun!
Location: Spare Time Bowling, 867 Riverside Street, Portland, 207-878-2695
Time: Today, Sunday Jan. 19, 4-6 PM
Cost: \$10 per person, FCC Youth Bowl Free
RSVP: Please RSVP to Kristen Coleman



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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 19th Family Promise Host Week

- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 4:00 PM Combined Middle School Youth Group Bowling

Monday, January 20th

- 9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
- 7:00PM Fiddle-icious

Tuesday, January 21st

- 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

Wednesday, January 22nd

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23rd

- 4:30 PM Food Pantry Open

Sunday, January 26th

- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM Annual Meeting & Lunch

Church Office Hours

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

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