



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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Jan. 26, 2020



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“We believe in God... who bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.”—United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

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

“Blowin’ in the Wind” by Bob Dylan

Bob Stakel

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: We come to encounter God, the Eternal Spirit, who is known to us in Jesus our brother.

All: We come to testify to God’s deeds.

One: We celebrate God, who called the worlds into being, created us in the Divine image, and set before us the ways of life and death.

All: We come to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and become servants in the service of others.

One: We seek strength to proclaim the Gospel and resist the powers of evil.

All: We come to share in Christ's baptism and his passion and victory over sin and death.

One: We yearn for the forgiveness of our shortcomings, and the grace of new beginnings.

All: We come for courage in the struggle for justice and peace, remembering God’s presence in our lives, and anticipating that eternal life in the realm which has no end.

One: Let us worship God, who transforms our lives and our world! **Amen.**

***HYMN**

“We Gather Together”

No. 276

¹ Inspired by the United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

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 9:1-4

(NRSV p. 597; RSV p.606[†])

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

(NRSV p. 145; RSV p.156[†])

THE SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

“I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

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

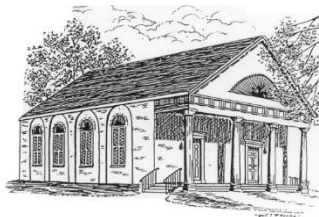
I'm gonna live so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

I'm gonna live so God can use me

Anywhere, Lord, anytime

2. I'm gonna pray... 3. I'm gonna work... 4. I'm gonna sing...



WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism or the commitment made at our confirmation. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ.

All: They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

One: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind. God help us.

All: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. God help us.

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place.

All: We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and world of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those Joining: We promise, with the help of God.

All: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshiping God with us, and offering your time, talent, and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?

Those Joining: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and rise to share our covenant of mission with you.

All: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called, "Abba, Father, and to the Holy Spirit, who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to witness our commitment through service: serving God through our love, our worship, and our spiritual growth, serving God's creation through compassion, generosity, justice, and serving our church family through loving mutual support and opportunities for stewardship.

We promise to walk with one another, secure in God's grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and the hope of the Gospel.

POSTLUDE

“Maestoso’ from Suite Gothique”

Leon Boellmann

* 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

Greeters:	<i>Don & Marion Olen</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Mark Horton</i>
Ushers:	<i>Jo & Joe Blinick</i>
	<i>Kim & Mollie Mason</i>
Bus Driver:	<i>Ann Sanborn</i>

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Daughter, Liz, with love from Mom and Dad, Marion and Donald Olen.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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



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

Jennifer Bissell & Virginia Eddy

***Our deepest sympathy is with the family and friends of Myron Hager,
who has entered into eternal rest***

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 28, February 11 and 25.**

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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. To send in your pledge, email the office at fccoffc@gmail.com.

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**Hospitality Table:** 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.

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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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**Annual Meeting: TODAY**, immediately following worship. Lunch provided.

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The Falmouth Food Pantry is open the following days in January and February:

Monday,	February 3, 17:	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesdays,	Jan. 28, Feb.11, 18, 25	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursday,	February 13, 20, 27:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Needed: Nursery Volunteers;** Sign up on CE Bulletin Board or with Kristen Coleman.

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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



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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

Monday, January 27th

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

Tuesday, January 28th

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 the Pastor

Wednesday, January 29th

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30th

7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting

Saturday, February 1st

Church School Chili-Making

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship with Communion
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
11:30 AM Chili Fundraising Sale

Church Office Hours

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

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