



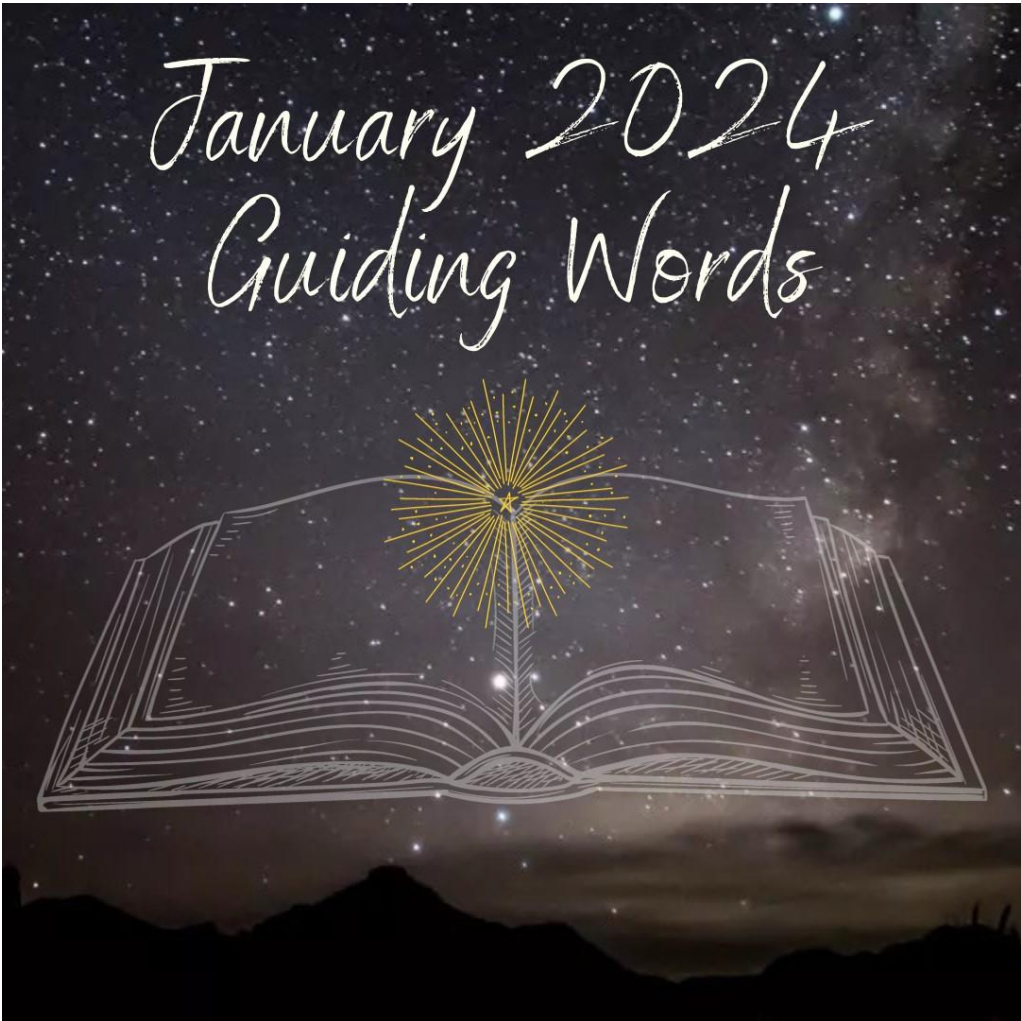
Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Serving Christ and Community since 1754

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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10:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY January 28, 2024



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.

PRELUDE

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

UCC Statement of Faith

Lydia Hoffman

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

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

One: God 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 our God, who transforms our lives and our world!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lydia Hoffman

One: Lord God, who by the leading of a star made manifest Your Son to the world

All: We pray that You might mercifully correct our wanderings

One: And by the guiding radiance of Your compassion bring us to Your truth.

All: 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 in Christ Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

***HYMN**

“O Mary, Don't You Weep”

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SCRIPTURE

Marilee Beinema

SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

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***HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 86

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 307

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Holy Lord of All”

Isalaw/Williams

Chancel Choir

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*DOXOLOGY		No. 46
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Masithi” (“Sing Amen”) South African song of praise	No. 30
ORGAN POSTLUDE	“A Festal Fanfare”	J.S. Bach

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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
 Ushers: Kathie Sinnett, Chan Sinnett
 Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



*The flowers that grace the Chancel this morning
 Are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
 Andrew & Wilma Iverson
 From the Iverson & Kauffman families*



Welcome of New Members

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism. 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 you are 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.