



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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Feb. 16, 2020



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“The mind is its own place and in itself, and can make a heaven of hell and
and hell of heaven.”- John Milton*

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

“Fountain Reverie”

Percy E. Fletcher

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Abba, we come seeking a better way to live

All: Benevolent One, we come hoping for new hearts

One: Christ, we wish to walk in holy ways

All: Divine Light, we gather attempting to be steadfast

One: Eternal God, give us instruction, that we might truly praise you

All: Fire of Love, do not forsake us!

One: Grant us patience to see how we are invited into your transformation

All: Hallelujah!

***HYMN**

“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

No. 684

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Based on Psalm 119:1-8. You might notice that this Call to Worship is an acrostic with names for God (A-H)- Psalm 119 is an acrostic with names for God’s instructions, the Torah. These markers of literary genius are sometimes lost on us as modern readers but are all over our holy books!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that out of fear of personal discomfort, frenzied busyness, and unexamined apathy we do not always offer ourselves in support of those who need us, or share our abundance with the world, yet we call ourselves Christians and we speak of the perfect example of Christ's love. Forgive us our fear, and our failure to live as Christ taught us. Amen

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, Christ's love for us is perfect, and we can take comfort in that perfect love!

Many: **Christ forgives our fears and failures, just as he calls us to walk out from our comfort in faith!**

One: In Christ's perfect love we are forgiven.

Many: **Hallelujah!**

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 30:15- 20

(NRSV p. 173; RSV p.183[†])

Matthew 5:17- 37

(NRSV p. 4; RSV p.4[†])

THE SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

No.586

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

THE OFFERTORY

"Happy Land"

Traditional

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, we offer these gifts to you as a symbol of our willingness to join in your work and be transformed in your image. Amen.

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

“Guide My Feet”

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*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

No.445

POSTLUDE

“Heavenly Sunlight” George H. Cook/ Diane Bish

** 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.

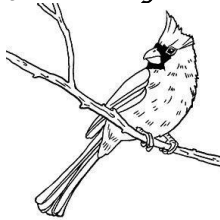
† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

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

Greeter: Carol Dow
Liturgist: Laurie Davis
Ushers: Jack Davis, Jennifer Bissell
Jim Parr, & Barbara Fleming
Bus Driver: Ann Sanborn

The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Robbie Coleman by his loving wife Jeaneen Coleman for his birthday on February 19th.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Exodus 24: 12- 18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16- 21; Matthew 17: 1-9

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
James Klenk
Rev. Beinema
Zack Couture



John Graustein
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 February 25th.**  
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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 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 Falmouth Food Pantry is open the following days in February:

Monday,	February 17:	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesdays,	February 18, 25:	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursday,	February 20, 27:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Needed: Nursery Volunteers;** Sign up on CE Bulletin Board!  
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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
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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship

### **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**President's Day- Office is closed**

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

### **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Aerobics  
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, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Aerobics  
6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
11:30 AM Ministry of Education Meeting



Instagram!

Falmouth Congregational Church is expanding its social media presence as to share the gospel and possibly reach new people. If you would like to help in this mission, we would love any photos you have involving the church (new or old), spirituality as a whole, or landscapes of the town of Falmouth. Examples could include, events held at FCC, cherished wedding/ baptism/ confirmation photos, or anything you find inspiring. Please send any pictures or videos to [fcc.ucc.desk@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.ucc.desk@gmail.com) where they will be filtered through and posted accordingly. Thank you!

## **Church Office Hours**

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

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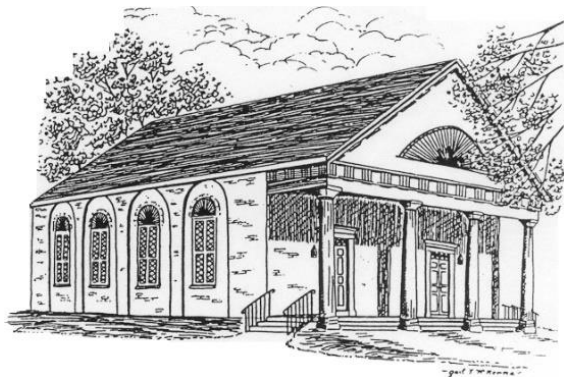
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“ THERE ARE TWO  
WAYS OF  
SPREADING LIGHT:

*to be the candle  
or the mirror*

THAT REFLECTS IT. ”

EDITH WHARTON