



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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Feb. 2, 2020



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Promise me you’ll always remember: you’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”—Winnie the Pooh

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

“Special Music”

Olivia Henderson

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Lord, we gather -

All: as infants in our parents’ arms,

One: as children with our snacks and crayons,

All: We’re just learning what it means to worship.

One: Lord, we gather -

All: as young adults trying to find our place within the church,

One: as parents caring for our children,

All: as mid-life people with mid-life questions,

One: as older adults wondering why the questions haven’t stopped -

All: we’re just learning what it means to worship.

One: Lord, we gather -

All: We come before you today with our unique personalities and experiences,

One: ready and not yet ready for this time together.

All: Draw us by your Spirit into your embrace.

One: Turn our thoughts and voices to thankfulness and praise. **Amen.**

***HYMN**

“I Come With Joy”

No. 420, vs. 1-3

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

¹ Adapted from An Intergenerational Call to Worship by April Yamasaki

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Read with assistance from Emily Ponds

One: Let us offer our confession:

Lord, you came to earth as a tiny baby, and yet we often neglect the vulnerable, in ourselves and in our world.

All: Forgive us, O God!

One: Lord, you brood over us like a mother hen, and yet we often avoid your loving concern, believing the myth of self-sufficiency, and refusing your help.

All: Forgive us, O God!

One: Lord you are our Abba, our Father, and yet often we would rather follow the devices and desires of our own hearts, than stay within the bounds you set for us.

All: Forgive us, O God!

One: God who comforts, cajoles, chastises, and loves us, help us to look towards your model and follow in your ways.

All: God with us, forgive, sustain, and renew us, so that we might truly be family, with you and with each other.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God, we give thanks that you know what it means to be human

All: And love us in every stage, every age, and every moment.

Thanks be to God!

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:1-4, 8

Caroline Ponds (NRSV p. 819; RSV p.820[†])

Matthew 5:1-10

(NRSV p. 3; RSV p.4[†])

THE SERMON

“Blessed are the Bored”

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

No. 424

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts.

All: Christ is our peace, our light, and our hope.

One: Let us pray.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

“The Lord’s Prayer”

No. 307

THE FEAST OF COMMUNION

PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

RETELLING THE STORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Gluten free bread and cup available in front of the Chancel.

If you would like communion brought to you, please notify an usher.

THE OFFERTORY

“Part of the Family”

Church School Kids

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 DEDICATION

One: May our offerings shine forth your light in the world.

All: In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

No. 422

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

No.445

POSTLUDE

“Special Music”

* *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

Accompanist: John Wilcox
Greeter: Lorraine Bergen
Liturgist: Nancy Lightbody, Caroline Ponds
Ushers: Pam Carroll
Phil & Rae Pierce
Communion Servers: Nancy Lightbody, Kim Mason
Randy Boardway & Virginia Eddy
Bus Driver: Jack Davis

Special thanks to the church school children for their help today!

The Chancel Flowers are given by Alan Doughty in loving memory of Judy Carrier on her birthday, February 1st.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isaiah 58: 1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Ginny Hamilton
James Klenk
Rev. Beinema
Zack Couture
Jim Poppell
John Graustein



Barbara Wood
Doris Krueger
Joan Bamel
Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard

The family and friends of Myron Hager

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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**Women's Spiritual Book Group:** The women's book club will meet February 5 at 12:00 PM. We are reading The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown. This was on the New York Times bestseller list and Forbes named it one of the five books that will change your outlook on life.

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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 11 and 25.**

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**Stewardship 2020 Update:** As of January, the church has received 68 pledges, including 15 new pledges for a total of \$181,584. The church has achieved 90% of our goal of \$200,000. There is still time to submit your pledge to the church office, attn Gini Medford. If you need a pledge card, email or call the office. Thank you to everyone that is making this campaign one of the most successful in the last few years.

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Hospitality Table: If you would like to contribute to the Hospitality Table, there is a sign-up poster 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 Chili** orders will be ready for pickup today, after church.

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

Monday, 3, 17: 9:00 - 11:00 AM  
Tuesdays, 11, 18, 25 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Thursday, 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.** 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, 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

Wednesday, February 5th

12:00 PM Women's Book Club
1:30 PM Ministry of Community Life
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Monday, February 3rd

9:00 AM Food Pantry Open
7:00PM Worship & Covenant Mtg.

Thursday, February 6th

8:30 AM Ecumenical Clergy Mtg.
6:30 PM Ministry of Missions Mtg.
7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday, February 4th

9:30 AM Food Pantry Open
10:00 AM Bible Study: Ocean View
11:30 AM Staff Meeting

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship, Stephen Savage presiding
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
11:30 AM Council of Ministries Mtg.
7:00 PM Scout Committee Mtg.

Notice: Pastor Amelia will be on vacation Monday, February 3rd – Sunday, February 9th. Minister of Visitation, Jane Stegemann, will be on call for pastoral emergencies. For all other needs, please contact the church office.

Church Office Hours

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

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