



# 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

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Feb. 23, 2020

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*“God loved us not because we are lovable, but because God is love.  
- C.S. Lewis*



### 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

**“Morning Has Broken”**

arr. by Kevin McChesney

Handbell Choir

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: Lord, we come to learn your ways.

**Many: That we might observe them.**

One: We seek understanding,

**Many: That we might keep your laws, and observe them with our whole hearts.**

One: We yearn to walk in the path of Your commandments.

**Many: That we might delight in them!**

One: Come amongst us

**Many: Banish our distractions, self-directedness, shame, and fear.**

One: That we might have life in Your ways;

**Many: For we long for You. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN

**“Transform Us”**

No. 182

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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<sup>11</sup> Based on Psalm 119:33-40. These verses are a continuation from the beginning of this Psalm that we read responsively last week. Psalm 119 extols the beauty of God’s law, the Torah.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## 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, let us take comfort!

**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

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

(NRSV p. 98; RSV p.103<sup>†</sup>)

Matthew 5:38-48

(NRSV p. 4; RSV p.6<sup>†</sup>)

## THE SERMON

**"Perfect Love"**

Rev. Amelia Edson

## \*HYMN

**"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

No.73

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

## THE OFFERTORY

**"Many Gifts, One Spirit"**

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

*You may also give a gift online at [www.falmouthcongregationalchurch.org/donation](http://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

**“O, How I Love Jesus”**

No.99

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Go in Peace”**

No.445

## POSTLUDE

**“In Heavenly Love Abiding”**

Finnish Melody/  
Carolin Hamlyn

*\* 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!*

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Greeter:** Rae Pierce  
**Liturgist:** Mark Horton  
**Ushers:** Rodney & Anne Coleman  
John Boothby & Kim Hendry  
**Bus Driver:** Phil Pierce

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*The chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Jane Barton. She is missed by many. With love, Steve, Kim, Aiden, and Ethan Hendry.*



**Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE  
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Maureen Grubb  
Ginny Hamilton  
James Klenk  
Rev. Beinema  
Zack Couture  
Faith & Erlon Varney  
Felicia Garant



John Graustein  
Joan Bamel  
Bee O'Brien  
Myron Krueger  
Maytha Southard  
Carol Kauffman

Those doing the hard work of recovering from addiction and dependency.

*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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**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 and March:**

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|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Monday,   | March 7, 16:                  | 9:00 - 11:00 AM |
| Tuesdays, | Feb. 25, Mar. 10, 17, 24:     | 9:30 - 11:30 AM |
| Thursday, | February 27, Mar. 12, 19, 26: | 4:30 - 6:30 PM  |

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

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**No Youth Group** this week, we look forward to seeing you in March!  
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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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**Instagram  Follow us @Falmouth.ucc**

Falmouth Congregational Church is expanding its social media presence to share the gospel and 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 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!

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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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

8:30 AM Handbell Choir Practice  
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
11:39 AM Ministry of Education Meeting

### **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00PM Fiddle-icious

### **Tuesday, February 25<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  
12:30 PM Coffee with Rev. Amelia

### **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM Aerobics  
12:00-1:00PM Imposition of Ashes  
6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Office Closed**

9:00 AM Aerobics

### **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship Service- Communion  
11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship  
1:00 PM Family Promise Training  
Session  
7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting

## **Church Office Hours**

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

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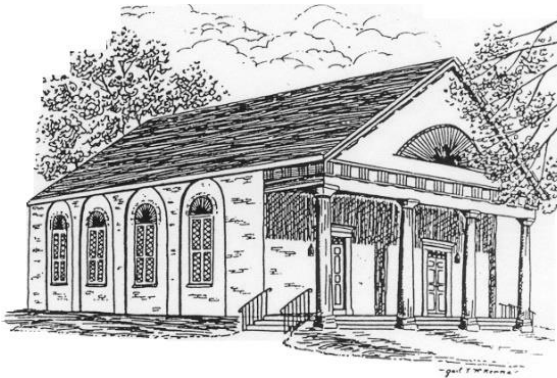
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