



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

In honor of the Lenten Season and each other we ask that a worshipful quiet be kept before service as we enjoy the gathering music and prepare to glorify God. Conversations are welcome in Fellowship Hall.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

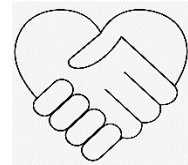
*“In silence we pass through the bounds of language to lose ourselves in Wonder.”
- From the Rule of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

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

“Lenten Prelude on ‘Neumark’”

Robert Graham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of peace, we turn aside from an unquiet world, seeking rest for our spirits and light for our thoughts.

Many: We bring our work to be sanctified, our wounds to be healed, our sins to be forgiven, our hopes to be renewed, and our better selves to be quickened.

One: God in whom there is perfect harmony, draw us to yourself, and silence the discord of our lives.

Many: God in whom all are one, take us out of the loneliness of self, and fill us with the fullness of your truth and love.

One: God whose greatness is beyond our utmost thought, and whose goodness is beyond our highest praise

Many: Send us visions of the beauty that is in Your world, of the love that is in You, and of the good that may be in us. Amen.

*HYMN

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

No. 339

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, as we come seeking you we remember how often we have drawn aside from Your ways.

Many: We have feared what was not terrible, rested in habits that were unworthy of our freedom, lived at peace with evil, and wished for what was not holy. From our lethargy, sin, and weakness we ask for your deliverance.

One: Grant us pardon and peace, that we might be free to love and serve you with full hearts and quiet minds. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let us remember the Gospel Promise.

Many: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, not depth, nor anything else in all creation, are able to separate us from the love of God. Amen. (*Romans 8*)

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

(NRSV p. 2; RSV p.2†)

Matthew 4: 1-11

(NRSV p. 3; RSV p.3†)

THE SERMON

“It’s That Time”

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”

No.387

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 your 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

“Pie Jesu”

Victor C. Johnson

*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: Lord help us in our faltering attempts to release all of who we are and what we have to you.

All: In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

No. 200

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

No. 445

POSTLUDE

“Solemn March”

W.A. Mozart/
John Troutman

* 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: Chan & Kathie Sinnett
Liturgist: Eunice Wilcox
Ushers: Pam Carroll, Steve Hendry
Mark & Peggy Horton
Communion Servers: Jane Stegemann, Judy Nilsen,
Randy Boardway & Jim Parr
Bus Driver: Jack Davis



Lenten



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
James Klenk
Rev. Beinema
Zack Couture
Felicia Garant
John Graustein
Carol Kauffman



Joan Bamel
Bee O'Brien
Myron Krueger
Maytha Southard
Peggy Halleck
Chaz Roth
Ellen Simmonds
Ruth & Smith Family

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 March 10th and 24th.**

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The Falmouth Food Pantry is open the following days in March:

Mondays,	March 7, 16:	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Tuesdays,	March 10, 17, 24:	9:30 - 11:30 AM
Thursdays,	March 12, 19, 26:	4:30 - 6:30 PM

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**Nursery News:** The Children's ministry and Elena Parr are still in need of volunteers to become "on-call" nursery helpers. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet on the CE bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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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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**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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Laura Rosenberg will be our new office assistant! She will start her regular schedule on Tuesday. She lives in Portland and has a master's degree in Library Science. She is looking forward to getting to know our church community.
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**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

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

- 9:00 AM    Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM    Worship Service
- 11:15 AM    Coffee and Fellowship
- 1:00 PM    Youth Group Planning Meeting: Parlor
- 7:00 PM    Scout Committee Mtg.

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9:00 AM    Aerobics
- 10:00 AM    Bible Study: Ocean View
- 10:45 AM    T'ai Chi
- 11:30 AM    Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM    Aerobics
- 12:00 PM    Women's Spiritual Book Club: Parlor
- 7:30 PM    Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 AM    Ecumenical Clergy Meeting
- 6:00 PM    Lenten Supper
- 6:30 PM    Ministry of Missions
- 7:00 PM    Boy Scouts Meeting

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM    Aerobics

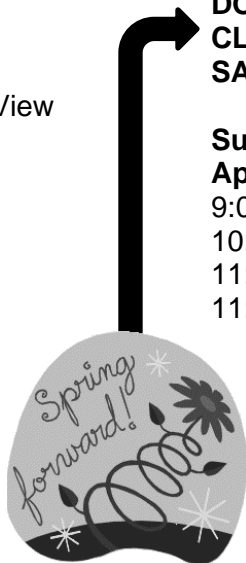
**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**DONT FORGET TO CHANGE CLOCKS FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

**April Congregator Deadline**

- 9:00 AM    Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM    Worship Service
- 11:15 AM    Coffee and Fellowship
- 11:30 AM    Council of Ministries Meeting



## **Church Office Hours**

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

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