



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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 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

*“Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I’m going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.”
- The Apostle Paul, Galatians 4:19*

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

“Come, Sweet Death”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God who calls us to this sacred place and set-apart time.

All: **Make the door of this sanctuary wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship**

One: Narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife

All: **Smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to hesitant, searching feet**

One: But strong enough to turn back all powers of evil

All: **May this place, and this time, be a gateway into Your eternal kingdom. Amen.**

*HYMN

“Come O Long Expected Jesus”

No. 125

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.

All: 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.

All: 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

Numbers 21:7-9

(NRSV p.130 ; RSV p.137†)

John 3:1-17 (18-21)

(NRSV p. 81; RSV p.89†)

THE SERMON

“Gestating Christians”

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

No. 75

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

THE OFFERTORY

“Jesus Paid it All”

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

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

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.

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

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

"Lift High the Cross"

No. 108

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

One: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go in Peace"

No. 445

POSTLUDE

"There is a Fountain"

trad./Robert J. Hughes

* 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: *Lorraine Bergen*
Liturgist: *Ann Sanborn*
Ushers: *Jo & Joe Blinick*
Sue & Larry Perry
Bus Driver: *Paul Davis*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Maureen Grubb
Ginny Hamilton
James Klenk
Rev. Beinema
Zack Couture
Richard Corey
John Graustein
Pauline Kauffman



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

Ken Bowden

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.



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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

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| Mondays,   | March 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.** 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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Car for Sale ! The vehicle is a 2002 Ford F-150. The engine is a 4.6 L, V8 SOHC 16V; The trim is XL Super Cab, short bed. 4 WD and the style is Extended cab pickup, 4-DR; 25 gallon fuel tank and working air conditioning. Original odometer reading is about 268,000 miles. Contact Paul Davis (nevis56@gmail.com) if interested.

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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 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

### **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Church Office Closed (Staff Vacation)**

- 6:00 PM Fiddle-icious Steering Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Fiddle-icious

### **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Aerobics
- 10:00 AM Bible Study: Ocean View
- 10:45 AM T'ai Chi
- 11:30 AM Staff Meeting
- 12:30 PM Coffee with the Pastor
- 6:00 PM Lenten Supper
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts

### **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Aerobics
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30 PM Food Pantry Open
- 6:00 PM Finance Meeting
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting

### **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 AM Aerobics
- 6:30 PM Coffee House

### **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:30 AM Pinewood Derby Setup

### **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

- 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 11:15 AM Coffee and Fellowship
- 1:30 PM Pinewood Derby
- 4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting

## **Church Office Hours**

**Monday 9:30 AM- 3:00 PM, Tuesday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Closed on Friday**

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