



Falmouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Serving Christ and Community since 1754



10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24th, 2022



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card.
Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

GATHERING MUSIC “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” Ray Cornils
Michael Burkard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PRELUDE “Jubilate Deo, Christ is Risen Today” Chancel Choir
Natalie Sleeth

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You meet us in our questioning,

All: yet encourage us to explore and express our doubts.

One: You meet us in our individual faith,

All: yet remain with us when faith grows and shares within community.

One: You meet us as we focus on local needs,

All: yet show us our vital part in service and in mission, beyond these walls.

One: You meet us as we come away from the cross-hill.

All: yet surprise us as we encounter the risen Christ.

Let us worship in spirit and truth.

HYMN

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

#229

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: How quickly we forget that we are an Easter people, raised up out of the ways of death into fullness of life. We confess now all that keeps us from accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All: Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand. Forgive us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. Amen.

One: God never abandon us, no matter how far we stray. God shows us the path of life and offers us fullness of joy. Let our hearts be glad!

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

Beth Stouder

THE SERMON

Rev. Diane Bennekamper

ANTHEM

“An Easter Alleluia”
By Richard Purvis

Chancel Choir
with Ann Sanborn

PASTORAL 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.

THE OFFERTORY

HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

POSTLUDE

“Thine Is the Glory”

Alexandre Guilmant

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Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Diane Bennekamper
Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder
Music: Ray Cornils
Ushers: Stephen & Kim Hendry
Liturgist: Beth Stouder
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

This Week's Schedule

Sunday April 24th

10:00 AM Worship

Monday April 25th

12:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday April 26th

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Family Restored

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday

6:45 PM

7:30 PM

Thursday

7:00 PM

Saturday

10:00 AM

April 27th

Private Group

Choir Rehearsal

April 28

Troop 93 Meeting

April 30

Bread Baking