



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1st, 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 “Variations on ‘Hyfrydol” Nancy Wines-DeWan
Charles Callahan, Wilbur Held, Michael Burkhardt

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 “In the Silence of this Moment” Rev. Linda Gard
Suo-Gan (Welsh Folk Tune) setting by Douglas Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We do not gather as though mourning in the shadow of the cross.

All: We meet as Easter people, joyfully convened in the light of the cross.

One: May that light illuminate our faith,

**All: Enabling us to see the way Your love reveals itself in unlikely places
and events**

One: Allowing us to see how Your power works to reclaim, restore, and renew
life,

All: Permitting us to see hope even in times of dark despair.

Let us worship with bright, uplifted spirits and with glad hearts.

HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#233

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: We who are tossed about in a sea of competing images and priorities; we are summoned before God to be drawn back to a life centered by faith. Let us call upon God's mercy and forgiveness; let us pray.

All: Lord, so often in the blindness of our hearts we have failed to see Your love. So many times we have looked past Your grace and searched instead for problems and faults. There are so many times when we could have accepted others and worked with them in Your spirit of love and unity, but instead have focused on our differences and divided over points that fell short of being all that You created us and the church to be. We have even missed the blessings You intended for us so that our lives could in turn be a blessing for others. Forgive us, Lord, and give us vision. In Christ we pray. Amen.

One: By God's grace we are forgiven. In Christ, we are drawn together and entrusted with gifts for the good of all. All of us have a part in building up the body of Christ and equipping each other for the work of ministry. Give thanks for this opportunity!

SCRIPTURE

John 6:35, 41-51

Jim Scherer

THE SERMON

Rev. Diane Bennekamper

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Shepherd Me, O God"
Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Chancel Choir

THE FEAST OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

"Taste and See"
Sally Albrecht, Jay Althouse

Rev. Linda Gard

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Bountiful God, we give You thanks that You have refreshed us at Your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER #307

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 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #422

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace" #445

POSTLUDE "Festive Trumpet Tune"
David German

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Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Diane Bennekamper
Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder
Music: Nancy Wines-DeWan & Rev. Linda Gard
Ushers: Jim Parr and Randy Boardway
Liturgist: Jim Scherer
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30