



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8th, 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

“Sheep May Safely Graze”
J.S. Bach

Ray Cornils

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

“The Good Shepherd”

Dom Paul Benoit

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love -

All: Neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know –

All: Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

One: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

All: In me, in you, in each of us, God’s spirit shines for all to see.

One: People of God, come.

All: Let us worship together.

¹ Ann Asper Wilson in *Worship Inclusive language Resources*. Copyright 1977 United Church of Christ Office of Church Life and Leadership. *Used by permission.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: God has always been there for us, loving us and calling us to be all that we can be. Let us tell God about ourselves, not leaving anything out...

All: O God, whose very name is Love, we mean to do well, but our intentions are soon discarded. We try to be faithful, but we are diverted by so many things. We do not wish to do harm to anyone, but, for lack of consideration, we sometimes hurt those we love the most. We sympathize for those who suffer more often than we act on their behalf. We refuse to accept the help of others because we are unwilling to admit our needs. Restore our fractured lives, that we may by your grace, be more nearly the people of Christ and witnesses to your Spirit. Amen.

One: When we reach in faith, God comes near in love. Receive forgiveness and experience closeness with God.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23, John 10: 1-18

Laurie Davis

THE SERMON

Rev. Diane Bennekamper

ANTHEM

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
arr. Mack Wilber

Chancel Choir

THE 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 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" #558

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace" #445

POSTLUDE "Prelude in Classic Style"
Gordon Young

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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: Karin Kurry and Lauren Jordy
Liturgist: Laurie Davis
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

The carnations nearby the altar are given today by Carol Kauffman in loving memory of Harold W. Kauffman and to honor mothers and nurses and other caregivers in our congregation during National Nurses Week. Feel free to take a carnation at the end of the service.

The flowers that grace the altar are given by Stephen, Kim, Aiden and Ethan Hendry in honor of Audrey Hendry and in memory of Jane Barton.

