



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

### GATHERING MUSIC

“Bring Many Names”  
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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

“Hymn to Joy”

arr. Charles Callahan

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: By the grace of our God who calls us together in worship and in service,

**All: We strive to live our faith right where we are.**

One: So we affirm that for sharing strong traditions and for shaping future values,

**All: There is no place better.**

One: For developing warm companionship and for doing tasks of mission,

**All: There is no place better.**

One: For offering our joys and concerns in prayer and for opening ourselves to God in worship,

**All: There is no place better.**

One: In this church, and wherever people gather to be guided by the Spirit of Christ in enacting Christly love,

**All: There is no place better. We worship with gladness and thanksgiving.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>1</sup>**

One: How often we have been ruled by our fears rather than our faith. How often we have trusted in things rather than in God. Let us seek God’s forgiveness, that we may know God’s mercy.

**All: Loving God, Creator of all that is, we ask for the strength and wisdom to acknowledge that you are the Author of our lives, the sole authority that can lead us consistently in the ways of truth and love. Through our deeds, speak your Word to the world; through our prayers, attune us to the guiding voice of your Holy Spirit.**

**We confess that we have succumbed to temptations. We have exalted our own desires and minimized the demands of discipleship. We have measured our success more by acquisitions than by commitments. We have defined neighbor in terms more restrictive than those used by Jesus. We have neglected the kind of curiosity essential to the maturing of belief. Forgive us, we pray.**

**By your grace, renew us. With your compassion, equip us. Through your love, empower us. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.**

One: Our God moves with power and grace in our lives, forgiving us and freeing us, loving us always. All thanks be to God.

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 17:22-31

Virginia Eddy

**THE SERMON**

Rev. Diane Bennekamper

**ANTHEM**

“Psalm 139”  
Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

**THE PASTORAL PRAYER**

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<sup>1</sup> from Thanks Be to God by *Glen E. Rainsley* The Pilgrim Press

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

**\*HYMN** "Bring Many Names" #10

## **BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Go in Peace" #445

**POSTLUDE** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" arr. David Cherwien

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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:	Steve and Kim Hendry
Liturgist:	Virginia Eddy
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

### **Next Sunday's Lectionary**

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29