

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Serving Christ and Community since 1754



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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

Joe Blinick

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to hear your story, O God. All: It is a story of never-ending love.

One: It is a story that includes all people.

All: It is a story of hope, and promise, and peace.

One: It is a story that comes to us in different voices, different faces.

All: It is our story. Let us be an active part of it. Come, let us worship God, and tell the story of God's goodness and love.

*HYMN "Morning Has Broken" John Wilcox



UNISON PRAYER¹

All: O God, Creator of our freedom, we are drawn to worship as a fitting response to your love for us. We have also come to receive your challenge. In our time of worship, hold before us the teachings of Jesus Christ so that they claim us with a gentle power. Remind us how our commitment to Christ integrates worship with deeds of every day; here we confess our weaknesses, discover our strengths, and offer ourselves in service to a world that is both our home and your creation.

Empower us to love one another with the unselfishness Jesus showed and shared. Encourage us to accept the challenge of reaching toward our own full potential. Enable us to confront oppression and hostility with a gospel of justice and peace. Be with us always in Spirit and in truth, as we pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

ANTHEM "Resilience"² Women in Harmony

By Abbie Betinis

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Mark Horton

THE SERMON Rev. Diane Bennekamper

ANTHEM "Be the Change"³ Women in Harmony

By Marc Kaplan & Colin Britt

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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³ Ibid

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 "Amazing Grace" Joe Blinick

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace" #445

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Diane Bennekamper

Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder

Music: Women In Harmony Outreach Ensemble, Joe Blinick,

John Wilcox

Ushers: Mark and Peggy Horton

Liturgist: Mark Horton

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelations 22-12:14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26



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