

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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10:00 AM



May 29<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

Nimrod" from "Enigma Variations" Edward Elgar Variations on "Holy Manna" Southern Harmony/ Dale Wood, Wilbur Held

Nancy Wines-DeWan

## **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

"Nun danket alle Gott"

J. Cruger setting by Albert Travis

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have traveled many paths this week –

### All: Yet their various ways have led us here, to worship.

- One: Sometimes the way has been clear or confused;
- All: Sometimes the journey has been alone or companioned;
- One: Yet in all these times and with all these persons,
- All: God has been with us so let us give thanks and praise!

\*HYMN "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us"

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS<sup>1</sup>

- One: As we continue in our worship, let us center ourselves and share with God the ways in which our lives have fallen short of our intentions and of God's desire for us. Let us pray together:
- All: Loving God, however much we profess our desire to journey in faith and to follow the course of discipleship, we must also confess to incomplete devotion and the straying of our spirits. Forgive us, we pray. We have turned aside from practicing reconciliation and extending mercy. We have turned toward belief systems that trivialize Your power and that harm Your creation. We have turned down opportunities to grow in spiritual stature and explore the path of service that is the way of Christ. We have turned back from accepting the challenge of steadfast commitment and receiving the fullness of Your love and grace. We seek Your forgiveness and Your guidance. Amen.
- One: The God of all creation cares passionately for each and every one of us. God heals and forgives, orders and restores, all so we might experience the abundance of life. Glory be to God.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Lydia Hill

THE SERMON

Rev. Diane Bennekamper

ANTHEM

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Thomas Dorsey **Chancel Choir** 

THE PASTORAL PRAYER



<sup>1</sup> from "Hear Our Prayer" by Glen E. Rainsley United Church Press

#### 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	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	#586
BENEDICTION		
BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"		#445
POSTLUDE	"Now Thank We All Our God" from Cantata No 79	J.S. Bach
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Presiding:	Rev. Diane Bennekamper
Music Committee:	Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Beth Stouder
Music:	Nancy Wines-DeWan
Ushers:	Sue and Larry Perry
Liturgist:	Lydia Hill
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Thank you to our worship participants:

