



# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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Serving Christ and Community since  
1754 Third Parish Church;  
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson

9:30 AM

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 19th, 2020



## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 139

One: O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

All: **You know when we sit down and when we rise up;  
you discern our thoughts from far away.**

One: You search out our path and our lying down,

All: **and are acquainted with all our ways.**

One: If we ascend to heaven, you are there;

All: **if we make our bed in Sheol, you are there.**

One: If we say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night',

All: **even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

One: By night and by day, search us out, O God,

All: **and call us to life!**

### HYMN

**"Spirit of Love"**

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Geoff Parker

## **PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

One: O God, we delight in your ways of peace in our innermost selves.  
Yet, too often, we know no peace, in our lives or in our world:

**All: In our thoughts or words,  
in deeds unkind or unjust,  
in silences when a word of help  
could have been spoken.  
Forgive us, and help us to forgive ourselves,  
that we may rest each night  
In the sure hope of your love,  
and rise in each morning  
to follow in your way,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In God's resurrection promises we are restored:  
What is troubled will be calmed,  
What is evil, redeemed,  
What is painful, transformed,  
And what has died will rise into new life.

**All: Let us rejoice in newness of life. Amen.**

## **THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Kim Hendry

## **ANTHEM**

**THE SERMON**  
Parker

“Fear and Trembling... and Weeding” Rev. Geoff

## **MUSICAL MEDITATION & TIME OF PRAYER**

## **SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

## **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**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

“Come to Tend God’s Garden”

### **BENEDICTION**

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Go in Peace”

### **POSTLUDE**