

# Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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# 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 me and known me.

All: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

One: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

All: I try to count them- they are more than the sand;

I come to the end- I am still with you.

# HYMN "From the Crush of Wealth and Power"

#### 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. **Let us rejoice in newness of life. Amen.** 

# THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:31-2:3

**ANTHEM** 

THE SERMON

All:

**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** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

**BENEDICTION** 

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Go in Peace"

**POSTLUDE**