

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

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 WORSHIP¹

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us

All: and make God's face to shine upon us.

One: That your way may be known upon earth,

All: your saving power among all nations.

One: Let the people praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

All: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations

upon earth.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you.

HYMN "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

All: Holy God, We confess that we fail to notice and celebrate

Your good image, the beloved:

in our neighbors, in all creation, in ourselves.

Where words or actions have wounded your love

Mend our life, and our relationships.

Forgive us, and restore to us your vision

¹ From Psalm 67

Of our world at peace in your presence.

Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All: God be in our head, and in our understanding.

God be in our eyes, and in our looking.

God be in our mouths, and in our speaking.

Christ be in our hearts, and in their healing. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 15:10-28

Ann Sanborn

ANTHEM

THE SERMON "Clean" The Rev. Geoff Parker

MUSICAL MEDITATION & TIME OF PRAYER

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 "We Yearn, O Christ, For Wholeness"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE