

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ



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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 21, 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.

GATHERING MUSIC

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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Gracious God, we gather today to celebrate and cultivate mercy, grace,

and forgiveness

All: Not because those things come easily to us

One: because we are in desperate need of them

All: We come to meet each other

One: Not because we have things in common

All: because other people challenge our assumptions, increase our

compassion, and help us see the complexity of God

One: We come to worship God

All: Not because we are all good,

One: because we seek to worship something greater than our own selves, and

to acknowledge our own dependence, interdependence, and need

All: We gather to worship

One: Let us begin.

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¹ Call to worship inspired by Nadia Boltz Weber's introduction to The Corners https://thecorners.substack.com]

CALL TO CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Forgive us our sins, Lord God,

All: As we ourselves forgive those indebted to us.

One: Help us to acknowledge our own imperfection,

All: And from that knowledge love and forgive the world.

One: Give us the audacity to try again and again.

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All: The compassion of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

One: God's mercy is new every morning,

All: Great is God's faithfulness.

One: Let us believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" #18

SCRIPTURE xxx Virginia Eddy

THE SERMON On Evangelism Rev. Amelia Edson

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" #586

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

#307

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN "To God Be the Glory" #72

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace" #445

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Trumpet Fanfare on 'Rescue'"

Don Hustad

Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness Cords that are broken will vibrate once more. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying. Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minster of Music: Jan Stover

Ushers: Jo & Joe Blinick

Liturgist: Virginia Eddy

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



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*Please stand in body or spirit