



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Serving Christ and Community since 1754
An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Settled Pastor & Teacher



*Off of the Sidelines
Getting in the Game,
Living Our Faith*



10:00 AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 10, 2023



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card.
Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Amelia Edson

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PIANO PRELUDE

"Canon in D"
Grace Johnson

Pachelbel

GET IN THE GAME [video]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Hoffman

One: God, you are calling us to be brave and do a new thing.

All: **We are ready! We are excited! Who knows what this season will bring!**

One: You remind us that we are each beloved children of God, from the smallest of the small, to the tallest of the tall.

All: **The school year is starting, the summer is over, we are ready for the fall.**

One: We come together to sing and to praise, to worship and know God's love.

All: **Together, we find hope and joy. We know that with God, there is nothing to be afraid of!**

One: Let us worship with ready minds, wiggly bodies, and open hearts.

All: **Love is here! God is with us! Let us start.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lydia Hoffman

All: Even when we are hurt, even when we hurt, we remember that we are all beloved children of God. When we make mistakes, and when we misstep, we know we can never be separated from the love of our creator. We celebrate our God who reminds us that their love for us is infinite and never ending. We bravely and boldly confess our human errors, and know that we are forgiven and forever received with grace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lydia Hoffman

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Lydia Hoffman

Children are invited to return to their seats to worship with their families today and will attend Kids' Church next Sunday.

BLESSING

Rev. Amelia Edson

*HYMN

"Halle-Halle-Halleluja"

No. 41

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20

Eunice Wilcox

SERMON

"Can We Fix It?"

Rev. Amelia Edson &
Lydia Hoffman

*HYMN

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

No. 614

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Amelia Edson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

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"My Lord, What a Morning"

Marilee Beinema, soprano

African-American
Spiritual

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Amelia Edson

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “The Blessing”

Kari Jobe

**The Lord bless you and keep you
Make God’s face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace. *(repeat)*
A - - - men, a - men, a - men
A - - - men, a - men, a - men.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE “How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Anna Laura Page

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*

We strive to use a diversity of language to describe God, in line with the diversity of images and metaphors in our Scripture. Many hymns and prayers default to male language. Please use the language that allows you to worship best, knowing that all human speech about God is metaphor and ultimately incomplete.

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Minister of Children & Families:	Lydia Hoffman
Ushers:	Jo Blinick, Joe Blinick
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114 (or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 or Genesis 50:15-21,
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13); Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35