



Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Settled Pastor & Teacher



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



FALL SERMON SERIES

10:00 AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 17, 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

John Wilcox

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

“O Worship the King” with
“Here I Am to Worship”

arr. Anna Laura Page

GET IN THE GAME [video]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Hoffman

One: Lord, in this set apart time we ask that You would enter the deep places
of our life and claim us

All: **We would be more free than we are**

One: More bold than we dare

All: **more obedient than we choose**

One: take us out of darkness and into the light of Your love

All: **So that we can partake in the joy and the work of Your kingdom.
Amen.**

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

Children are invited to join our Minister of Children & Families, Lydia Hoffman, for Kids' Church upstairs. Kids' Church meets until 12, with an optional early pick-up at 11.

***HYMN** "Let All Things Now Living" No. 717

SCRIPTURE Romans 14:1-12 Nancy Lightbody

SERMON "All the Work I Need" Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN** "Take Time to Be Holy" No. 572, vs. 1-3

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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"Total Praise"

Chancel Choir

Smallwood/
arr. Joel Raney

***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**

***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

“A Festal Fanfare”

J.S. Bach

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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:	Peggy Horton, Mark Horton
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

*The flowers that grace the chancel this morning
are given in honor of
Jeaneen Coleman
as she celebrates her birthday today.
Given with love from her family.*



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 (or Jonah 3-10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8); Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16