



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*



FALL SERMON SERIES

10:00 AM

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 24, 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

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ORGAN PRELUDE

“XX”

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GET IN THE GAME [video]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lydia Hoffman

One: A love that never ceases,

All: **A creativity that designed the universe,**

One: A hope that cannot be quenched,

All: **A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:**

One: These are the things that are of God,

All: **These are the things we yearn for**

One: Let us jump in!

All: **Let us worship God.**

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

Rev. Amelia Edson

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**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 16

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:2-15, Matthew 20:1-16

Marilee Beinema

SERMON

"xx"

Rev. Lydia Hoffman

***HYMN**

"Amazing Grace!"

No. 546

Ushers will collect prayer cards during this hymn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

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"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

***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

“xx”

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:

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| Presiding: | Rev. Amelia Edson |
| Preaching: | Rev. Lydia Hoffman |
| Minister of Music: | Jan Stover |
| Minister of Children & Families: | Rev. Lydia Hoffman |
| Ushers: | Laurie Davis, Karin Kurry |
| Online Worship: | Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais |



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (or Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9); Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32