



Falmouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Congregation
The Reverend Amelia Edson
Serving Christ and Community since 1754



10:00 AM

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 25, 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.

WHY NOT WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Total Praise”
Chancel Choir

arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: We come to encounter God, the Eternal Spirit, who had been made known to us in Jesus our brother.

All: We come to testify to God's deeds.

One: God called the worlds into being, created us in the Divine image, and set before us the ways of life and death.

All: We come to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, and become servants in the service of others.

One: We seek strength to proclaim the Gospel and resist the powers of evil.

All: We come to share in Christ's baptism and his passion and victory over sin and death.

One: We yearn for the forgiveness of our shortcomings, and the grace of new beginnings.

¹ Call to worship from the UCC Statement of Faith

All: We come for courage in the struggle for justice and peace, remembering God's presence in our lives, and anticipating that eternal life in the realm which has no end.

One: Let us worship our God, who transforms our lives and our world!

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Gracious God, as we come seeking you we remember how often we have drawn aside from Your ways.

All: We have feared what was not terrible, rested in habits that were unworthy of our freedom, lived at peace with evil, and wished for what was not holy. From our lethargy, sin, and weakness we ask for your deliverance.

One: Grant us pardon and peace, that we might be free to love and serve you with full hearts and quiet minds. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 8)

One: God, We give thanks that you know what it means to be human.

All: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, are able to separate us from the love of God. Amen.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

***HYMN** God's Got the Whole World in God's Hands Slide

SCRIPTURE Galatians 3:26-29 Nancy Lightbody

THE SERMON "William's Baptism" The Reverend Dr. Nancy Taylor

BAPTISM

~ BAPTISM OF WILLIAM SANDER EDSON ~

Parents

Amelia & Jacob Edson

Grandparents

Linda McGill & Michael Ryan

William Nugent & Elizabeth Stouder

Alice Fogel, Mark Edson

Godparents

Joseph Canarie & Jeremy Mudd

Carolyn & Sam Edson

Ariana Snowdon

The promise of the Gospel is not only to us but also to our children. Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of a child's acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into the full Christian faith and discipleship.

Minister: You have brought this child here to be baptized; I ask therefore, will you instill into his mind the knowledge, reverence, and love of God, as the ultimate ruler of us all?

Parents & Godparents: We will.

Minister: Will you exhort him to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of his life?

Parents & Godparents: We will.

Minister: Will you teach him to live for others and not for himself alone; to do good to all; to abhor every form of falsehood, and love what is just and honest, right and true?

Parents & Godparents: We will.

Minister: Will you instruct him in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and teach him to follow Christ's precept and example, that he may learn to live the life that has no end?

Parent & Godparents: We will.

Minister: Will you, the members of Falmouth Congregational Church, and the whole Church of Christ, receive this child into your love and care, and will you uphold and encourage the parents in the fulfillment of their vows?

All: We promise our love, support, care, and encouragement.

Minister: Let us rise to share and remember together our covenant of mission with you.

All: We pledge to give ourselves to the one whom Jesus called, "Abba, Father, and to the Holy Spirit, who sustains, recreates and guides us. We promise to witness our commitment through service: serving God through our love, our worship, and our spiritual growth, serving God's creation through compassion, generosity, justice, and serving our church family through loving mutual support and opportunities for stewardship.

We promise to walk with one another, secure in God's grace, and prepared in gratitude to live by the promise and the hope of the Gospel.

~ Blessing of the Water ~

~ Baptism ~



