

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ Easter 2021

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Serving Christ and Community

1754 Third Parish Church;

1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson

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Rev. Amelia Edson



9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY
THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APRIL 4, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME AND THE PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(We invite you to turn and greet those around you while remaining in your seat.)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

LIGHT OF CHRIST

Rev. Edson

One: May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, illuminate our hearts and minds.

PRELUDE

“This Joyous Morning”

Sandra Eithun

Chancel Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Dawn breaks. Light out of darkness. Life out of death. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: God has made this new day.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad!

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL

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

One: God's mercy is new every morning, great is God's faithfulness.

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

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Edson

(Afterwards children may return to their seats to enjoy worship with their families.)

HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Chancel Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

(NRSV p. 100; RSV p. 109†)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

EASTER SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Because He Lives"

William J. Gaither

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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.*



Announcements:

Interested in membership? Meet with Pastor Amelia after service on May 2nd to learn about our joining the church.

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**Lattes and Littles: Parents Group is starting May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** Join Pastor Amelia and her husband Jake and other Falmouth parents to hang out on the lawn (maybe inside too after COVID!) and meet other parents in a low stress, informal way. You can order speciality coffee or tea inside the church or bring your own.

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Kids' Church resumes next week 10:00-12:00 PM. Parents can attend church or drop your children off and have a moment to themselves - we are here to support you, and we know the struggle/ juggle can be real! Families can also pick up their kids at 11:00 AM after worship.

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**AMA Sermon Series:** Sermons just got more interactive! In her "Ask Me Anything" Pentecost Sermon Series, Pastor Amelia will tackle all your theological questions – and more - be ready to laugh, think and pray on this journey together.

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Friday, April 9th at 6:30 PM Parking Lot Coffee House featuring Jeff Christmas

Our coffee house features local musicians and great coffee. Donations accepted for hot drinks such as coffee and lattes from Coffee By Design (& hot chocolate). Music in the parking lot means you can listen from your car using your radio. Jeff's most recent record, "Little Universe", has received praise from several publications: "An incredibly joyous musical respite from the world"--Maine Public Radio
This is a family-friendly event available online and in-person. Tune in!



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

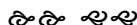


*Joyce Harmon
Joan Cannuli
Elisabeth Perrault Hooper
The Rev. Geoff Parker and his wife, Julia.
James Smith
Jim and Kaye Smith
Terri Collins
Patrick Miele
Alan Mathieu's brother Wayne.
Kris
Sarah Davis' parents
Dr. Myron Krueger & Doris Krueger
John Graustein
Bee O'Brien
Norm O'Brien
Ginny Hamilton
Bill Graves
Sally Emery*

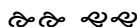


PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYERS OF JOY!

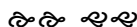
We thank God that Alan Mathieu's mother, Anita, is happily settled into her assisted living home.



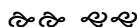
We praise God that Peggy Halleck reports that her hard work in PT is paying off.



We praise God that MANY more of our parishioners have gotten the COVID 19 vaccine!



Prayers of gratitude for Pastor Amelia's courage and versatility leading our faith community.



Thank you to volunteers, members and employees who serve our church.



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 4th ~ Easter

9:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 5th

12:00 PM Bible Study Group

6:30 PM Worship & Covenant

Tuesday, April 6th

11:30 AM Staff Meeting

3:30 PM Girls on the Run

Wednesday, April 7th

12 PM Women's Spiritual Book Group

6:30 PM Handbell Choir

Thursday, April 8th

3:30 PM Girls on the Run

Friday, April 9th

**6:30 PM Parking Lot Coffee House
featuring Jeff Christmas**

Sunday, April 11th

10:00 AM Worship with Baptism of Lucas Mathieu

10AM – 12 PM Kids' Church

11:30 AM Council of Ministry

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