



Falmouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Serving Christ and Community since
1754 Third Parish Church;
1833 The Brick Church

The Reverend Amelia Edson
Settled Pastor

10:00 AM

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 16th, 2021



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)

PRELUDE

“We Gather Together”

WELCOME

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.

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!

¹ From The United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL

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

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

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

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

HYMN

"We Sing Your Mighty Power"

No. 64

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:44-53

Marilee Beinema

THE SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

One: Friends in Christ, we are all received into the church through the sacrament of baptism or the commitment made at our confirmation. These people have found nurture and support in the midst of the family of Christ.

All: They have been led by the Spirit to affirm their baptism and to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the Christian church.

One: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind. God help us.

All: They are here, as we are here, to endeavor to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. God help us.

One: Friends who are joining, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place.

All: We give thanks for every community of faith which has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

One: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to continue in your pilgrimage of faith, to be Christ's disciple, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and world of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Those Joining: We promise, with the help of God.

All: Do you promise to walk with us in faithfulness and Christian love? And do you promise, that so far as able, you will participate in the life of this church, by worshiping God with us, and offering your time, talent, and means for the ministry of this church and for the larger church of which this is a part?

Those Joining: We promise, with the help of God.

One: Friends, we then welcome you as partners in the common life of this church and rise to share 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Prayer Perfect”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN

“Open My Eyes”

No. 586

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Go in Peace”

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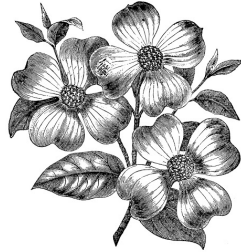
Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Acts 2:1-21, Psalms 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Chancel Flowers are given by Rev. Amelia Edson in honor of Bill Nugent's Birthday.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson
Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Doris Krueger
Ushers: Steve & Kim Hendry
Liturgist: Marilee Beinema
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais



Announcements

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