



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

10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21, 2021

A Time to Weep



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.**

PRELUDE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend

Virginia Eddy

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One: Lord we gather together in search of salvation

All: **We gather to worship Christ, who rescues creation from the absurdity of sin,**

One: From the emptiness and waste of death, from the forces that shatter
God living souls and pull us towards nothingness

All: **Help us to hate these things with perfect hatred**

One: And to love you with perfect love. **Amen.**

HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

No. 197

¹ Inspired by *The Doors of the Sea* by David Bentley Hart

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Loving God, we lower our heads before you and confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours.

All: We carry on our lives as if there was no God, and fall short of what you hope for us.

One: We ask your forgiveness and for your strength.

All: Give us clear minds and open hearts. Remind us to be who you would have us be.

One: Help us to not lose sight of you, or your hopes for our world and for our lives.

All: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

(Romans 8:38-39)

For I am convinced that 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, will be able to separate us from the love of God. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-30

Jim Parr

THE SERMON

Rev. Amelia Edson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

Traditional

Marilee Beinema

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Amelia Edson

THE 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.

OFFERING

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" No. 196

*BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Go in Peace" No. 445

POSTLUDE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Albin C. Whitworth

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**Throughout the order of worship, if print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.
(*Please rise in body or spirit.**



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson
Organist: Doris Krueger
Ushers: Bill Nugent and Beth Stoddard
Liturgist: Jim Parr
Music: Virginia Eddy, Marilee Beinema
Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann,
Jack Gervais, John Wilcox



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Philippians 2:5-11; **Mark 11:1-11**

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