

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation 267 Falmouth Road Falmouth, Maine 04105 207.781.3413



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

> The Reverend Amelia Edson Settled Pastor

10:00 AM



June 6th, 2021

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC Doris Krueger

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 "Holy Is Your Name" Marilee & Virginia

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: God we are created to be your creatures

All: You are the fuel that we are designed to run on

One: Your holy fire and gentle wind warm us and propel us in the right paths

All: Breathe your Holy Spirit upon us

One: Melt the places where we have grown cold, apathetic, or stuck in our ways

All: So that we may become what we were created to be; your beloved people.

¹ "God made us: invented us as a man invents an engine. ... Now God designed the human machine to run on [God]. [Godself] is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on.- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

CALL TO CONFESSION 2

One: In this time of sanctuary we are given space to consider our lives, holding them

up against the example of Christ

All: We confess, O God, that we find ourselves wanting

One: There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another

and from You.

All: We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow

One: For fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when

we reach out.

All: Lord You call us into reconciliation and wholeness, with each other and

with You.

One: Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

All: Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

HYMN "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 61

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Ann Sanborn

THE SERMON "Why Be a Christian?" Rev. Edson

THE FEAST OF COMMUNION

PREFACE

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to our God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise. Amen.

RETELLING THE STORY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

² Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon adapted from the "Hold Fast to What Is Good" blog.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

SUNG LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 254

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34



Chancel flowers are given by Pastor Amelia to celebrate our Minister of Music, Doris Krueger.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Doris Krueger

Ushers: Mark & Peggy Horton

Liturgist: Ann Sanborn

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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