

Falmouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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

> The Reverend Amelia Edson Settled Pastor

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

John Wilcox & Barbara Graustein

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

John Wilcox & Barbara Graustein

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather together to acknowledge a threshold moment—a thin place between

what's been and what's to be—

All: We celebrate our graduates, all that they have studied, accomplished, and

learned

One: We celebrate all the more there is to study and learn and do.

All: We celebrate those who have gone before us, those who worked and

sacrificed so that we might be here today.

One: We celebrate all the more work and sacrifice that is left up to us to do, for our

nation and for the coming generations

All: Let us take joy in both the distance traveled and the distance yet ahead.

One: Let us give thanks for the past, the present, and the future

All: Knowing that all times and places are encompassed by Your love, Lord

God. Amen.



CALL TO CONFESSION 1

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 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" No. 631

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE Isaiah 6:1-8 Eunice Wilcox

THE SERMON Rev. Edson

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Rev. Edson

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Storm is Passing Over" Kristen Coleman

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.

¹ Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon adapted from the "Hold Fast to What Is Good" blog.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

HYMN "Rejoice You Pure in Heart" No. 15

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Go in Peace"

POSTLUDE

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Next Sunday's Lectionary

1 Samuel 8:4-11, Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35



Chancel flowers are given by the Christian Education Committee to honor our graduates.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Music Committee: Marilee Beinema, Virginia Eddy, Doris Krueger

Ushers: Larry and Sue Perry

Liturgist: Eunice Wilcox

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