



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 Michael H. Richards
Pastor and Teacher



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Community is essential to bring to fruition our relationship with God.

Is community just a forum for expressing my personal faith or a gift through which my faith can grow?”

LIFE OF THE CHURCH**HONORING OUR CALL TO BE PEACEMAKERS*****Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, we invite you to turn and greet those around you sharing the peace of Christ saying: “The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”)

PRELUDE**“Prelude in Classic Style”**

Gordon Young

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Look for the signs of God’s presence.

All: There is celebration in the air, joy abounds!

One: Look for the signs of God’s presence.

All: The lonely are noticed, community grows!

One: Look for the signs of God’s presence.

All: The oppressed are freed!

One: Look for the signs of God’s presence.

All: Those who cannot understand receive insight!

One: Look for the signs of God’s presence.

All: The suffering find compassion, the bereaved find comfort!

One: Look for the signs of God’s presence.

All: God’s Word is taken to heart. Faith is alive!

HYMN OF PRAISE*“Gather Us In”****No. 284 vs. 1,2,4*****OUR LORD’S PRAYER (In unison)**

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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Rev. Amelia Edson

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: You call us together,

All: As a Christian community.

One: You inspire us to prayer and praise,

All: As brothers and sisters in the faith.

One: You challenge us to listen and learn,

All: As searchers for the truth.

One: You invite us to support each other,

All: As compassionate friends.

One: You confront us,

All: With the injustice of our neighborhood and nation.

One: You send us out,

All: To show the face of Christ to a hurting world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY

One: When we are in community, Loving God,

All: We will be aware of the joys and frustrations of those around us.

One: When we are in community, Loving God,

All: We will be aware of the gifts and talents of community members and encourage their use.

One: When we are in community, Loving God,

All: We will plan and work to bring Good News to our neighborhood.

One: When we are in community, Loving God,

All: We will take the love of Christ to heart, and show the love of Christ to the downhearted, the oppressed, the bewildered, and those who feel trapped.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

One: All seeing, all knowing, all understanding God,

All: You challenge us, You enlighten us, You call us to new ways.

One: The life which lies ahead for you will be joyful; God's peace will be at the heart of it.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Nehemiah 8:1-10

(NRSV p.402 ; RSV p.426 †)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

New Testament Lesson Luke 2:22-40

(NRSV p.51 ; RSV p.55 †)

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Finding God in the Garbage"

Rev. Amelia Edson

***HYMN**

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 259

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

**PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYER RESPONSE**

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

George Welpton

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Invitation

The Offertory

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

J. Rush/J. J. Bankson

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

One: We offer to You, O God,

All: Our gifts for Your blessing; our talents, committed for Jesus; our community, strengthened for service. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

No. 592

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Amelia Edson

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new Life! Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

POSTLUDE

“Grand Jeu”

Du Mage

(During the postlude, you may be seated to listen, or you may leave.)

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

(*) Please rise in body or spirit.

† NRSV Bibles are on the pulpit side of the sanctuary and the RSV Bibles are on the lectern side of the sanctuary.

Please silence or turn off your cell phone before you enter the sanctuary. Thank you.

Worship Participants

Guest Minister: Rev. Amelia Edson

Greeter: Rae Pierce

Liturgist: Paul Davis

Ushers: Paul Davis, Steve Hendry, Mark Horton, Peggy Horton



*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents,
Andrew & Wilma Iverson
by Carol Kauffman*

*The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Reid Ervin Sinnett,
the son of David & Sara and grandson of Kathie & Chan.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE
IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Maureen Grubb
Robbie Coleman
Bee O'Brien
Maytha Southard
Kerry Golding
Missy Gage

Myron Krueger
Florence Wescott
Ginny Hamilton
Stuart Eddy (*Phoebe Horne's brother*)
Ruth Ann Doty (*Pam Carroll's niece*)
Jack Horton (*who is serving in Iraq*)



Please let the church office know if we have missed someone. We will keep people on the prayer list for one month. If you would like them to continue on the prayer list, please update us so that we may better pray for them. Thank you



Our deepest sympathy is extended to John & Eunice Wilcox and family on the passing of Nancy Wilcox this past week.



We **welcome** you to worship and invite you to join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for coffee and fellowship. If you are visiting us today, please be sure to pick up a **Welcome Bag** in Fellowship Hall or in the Narthex and sign the guest book.

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**Following worship today, please remain in the sanctuary for a question and answer time followed by a Congregation vote to call Rev. Amelia Edson as our next pastor.**

Immediately after the congregational vote we will adjourn to Beinema Hall for lunch and the **2019 Annual Meeting**.

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We are the Host Congregation for the Family Promise Program, from Sunday evening, January 27 through Sunday morning, February 3, 2019. We need eager volunteers to bring hot meals, arrange activities for the children, and stay overnight; money is needed to pay for breakfast supplies as well as various incidentals. If you would like to contribute or have any questions, please contact Steve Hendry or Dolores Vail.

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**Annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Fundraiser** - This year, on top of selling our usual beef and veggie chili, we will be making turkey chili too. It is \$8/pint and \$15/quart. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward funding Christian Education. Orders may be placed following worship every Sunday in Fellowship Hall or by emailing [kristen.coleman@maine.edu](mailto:kristen.coleman@maine.edu). On **Saturday, February 2 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**, we will be making the chili – volunteers are welcome at any time. **Chili will be distributed following worship the day of the Super Bowl, Sunday, February 3.**

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The series about **Hospice etc.** will resume on **February 5** and will conclude February 12, weather permitting. We will meet in the Grant Room at 3:00 PM. Location for the final piece on February 12 is yet to be determined. Please be on time for both of these sessions.

February 5th: **Overview of Grief, Bereavement Support**

February 12th: **B.O.A.T.I.N.G. A Play about Empowerment and Final Wishes**

Call the church office at 207-781-3413 or Carol Kauffman 215-990-2566 if you can attend.

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The Falmouth Food Pantry will be open the on the following days in February: Mondays, February 4 & 18, 9:00 – 11:00 AM; Tuesdays, February 12, 19 & 26, from 9:30- 11:30 AM; and Thursdays, February 14, 21 & 28, from 4:30-6:30 PM.

During the regularly scheduled times, the Falmouth Food Pantry is serving furloughed government employees, even if the employees are from outside our serving area, as long as they offer proof of employment.

Also, <https://211maine.org> is a helpful resource for many areas of needed assistance.

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We have openings for chancel flowers. Sign up to hold a special date to celebrate the Glory of God and remember or honor a loved one. You can provide the **Chancel Flowers** by selecting a Sunday and signing up on the flower

sheet in Fellowship Hall. Fill out a chancel flower form and place it in the offering plate or turn it into the office along with a check for \$38 payable to Falmouth Congregational Church UCC.



Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Closed on Friday

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This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 27

- 10:00 AM** Worship Service & Kids' Church
- 11:15 AM** Congregational Vote to call a Rev. Amelia Edson
- 11:45 AM** **Annual Meeting & Lunch in Beinema Hall**
- 5:00 PM** **Guests from Family Promise arrive**

Monday, January 28

- 7:00 PM** Fiddle-icious

Tuesday, January 29

- 10:00 AM** Bible Study at Ocean View

Wednesday, January 30

- 7:30 PM** Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 1

Saturday, February 2

- 10:00 AM** Chili Making (Kitchen)

Sunday, February 3 - Please pick up your chili orders following worship. Thanks!

- 9:00 AM** Choir Practice
- 10:00 AM** Worship Service & Kids' Church
- 11:15 AM** Coffee Fellowship ~ featuring "Coffee by Design" coffee



Next Sunday's Lectionary

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalms 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30