

PRAYER LIST

Let us know if you would like any names added to the prayer list by seeing **Susan Stevenson** or by calling the church office: **(508) 627-4421**.

Ushers:	Karen and Jeff Meeks
Head Deacon:	Karen Meeks
Flowers:	Gordon and Marilyn Boak
Coffee Hour:	Herb Ward
AV Team:	Liz Villard
Choir Practice	Tuesday @ 7PM
AA Meeting	Saturday @ 8PM
Bruce Doten's Memorial Service	Saturday October 8 th 11am

Office Hours: Wednesday 9:00-12PM, Thursday 9:00-1:00PM, Friday 9:00 AM-12:00PM
closed Monday and Tuesday.

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The Federated Church of Martha's Vineyard
Edgartown, Massachusetts
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 2nd, 2022
A welcoming community serving God and neighbor

Meditation

“Faith is a divine work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. Oh, it is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly. It does not ask whether there are good works to do, but before the question rises, it has already done them, and is always at the doing of them.” (Martin Luther)

Welcome ~ Announcements and Joys
Bringing in the Light of Christ

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 37)

One: Trust in the Lord and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

All: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

All: Be still for the Lord, and wait patiently for him.

* HYMN 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God -Ellacombe

* UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in our faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI ~ *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

HEARING OF THE WORD

First Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Herb Ward
Second Reading Luke 17:5-10

REFLECTION “How Much Faith is Enough?” Rev. Sharon Eckhardt

ANTHEM

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY

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

* OFFERING DEDICATION

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have showered us with abundant blessing. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*HYMN 361 How Firm a Foundation -Foundation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Congregation Standing

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And Also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

RESPONSE FROM ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints who witness to this feast.

We thank you for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be called for the proclamation of your kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your world, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen