

WELCOME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Prayer” -McKay

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Sung) “Alleluia”

***HYMN** (insert) “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” -Old Hundredth

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy One, God of love, truth, and beauty, we draw our attention now to your sacred presence. We praise you with glad adoration, and faithful hope. Receive our thanksgiving, and encourage us in our service. We pray, as ever, in the gracious spirit of Christ; amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME**
(inside back cover of hymnal)

ANTHEM “Guide My Feet, Lord” -Carter

HEARING OF THE WORD Acts 15:1-18 -Reader, Walter Vail

SERMON “Who’s In Charge Here?” -Rev. Dr. Mark Winters

***HYMN #440** “In Christ There Is No East or West” -McKee

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (debts)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer” -Mendelssohn

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “O Come, Everyone That Thirsteth” (from Eliah) -Mendelssohn
Quartet: Pam Butterick, Heath Honeycutt, Mark Winters, Michael Prichard

***DOXOLOGY**

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
to Christ revealed in earthly night,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to God the Spirit now we raise
our joyful songs of thankful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, bless these gifts and the intentions of our hearts, to your holy purpose. Receive them as a token of our gratitude for the grace you continually give us all. In Christ we pray; amen

***HYMN #442** “The Church’s One Foundation” -Aurelia

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Finale in D Minor” -Thiman

* Congregation Standing (if able)

Welcome to the Federated Church

We welcome you, and affirm your whole identity, including sexual, gender, racial, economic, educational, ability, and all other kinds of identity! We welcome your questions and differences of opinion or belief. If you need help finding a hymnal, restroom, or anything else you need, please ask an usher. Please also join us for coffee hour in the Parish House, across the courtyard, after worship. Our services are live-streamed. If you prefer to be off camera, we recommend sitting toward the back on the left-hand side.

Head Deacon:	Fran Watson
Ushers:	Fran Watson
Flowers:	Shanta Gabriel
Coffee Hour	Pam Butterick
A/V Team Member:	TBD (Bret Regan/Liz Villard)
Choir Practice	Tuesday 4:30PM
AA Meeting:	Saturday at 8:00 PM

In Office Hours: Monday, 1-3:30PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9AM-3PM

The Rev. Dr. Mark Winters, Minister, Mr. Peter R. Boak, Minister of Music

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“...Whoever you are,
whomever you love,
and wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!”



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Edgartown, Massachusetts
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A welcoming community serving God and neighbor